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President's Message

Ever changing taxonomy

Have you done it yet? Looked at that state list, or your home county list, or that list of species seen in your local patch, or your yard, and said to yourself, "Oh, darn, I know there was a major reordering recently, announced by the American Ornithologist's Union (AOU)." And, of course, a few names were changed in the process.

Some of the really dedicated listers among us surely jumped right on this project when the 52nd Supplement to the Check-list of North American Birds was published in late summer of 2011. And then of course, there are some of us who are slightly less diligent in reshuffling the taxonomy deck… though I'd like this column to serve notice that the rumors are absolutely untrue. I did not insist in continuing to label Merlins as Pigeon Hawks, or Peregrines as Duck Hawks, when these species zipped by the Greene Valley hawkwatch this fall. I'm absolutely OK with name changes. It's just that the overwrite on my diminishing little gray cells (stealing shamelessly from Agatha Christie's diminutive Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot) does take time and concentration.

Wait, you ask, what does a fictional Belgian detective have to do with taxonomy? Well, he preached the need for order and method to get it right, exactly the same philosophy as AOU…I think.

Check out the IOS website. There you'll find that the official Checklist of Illinois Birds, as established by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) reflects all the changes in species order, names, etc. from the recent AOU report. This essential update was carried out by Bob Hughes, IORC and IOS member, and one of our state's finest birders.

Also available on the website is the current iteration of the Field Checklist of Illinois Birds, an essential carry-along when you're out birding. You can download it as a pdf, then print it double-sided on 8.5x14 paper or light card stock, fold it, and slip it into your pocket. This 3rd edition of the IOS Field Checklist includes 348 species and one unestablished introduction [African Collared-Dove]. It was modified from the 2nd edition by IORC Secretary Doug Stotz and IOS Board member Urs Geiser. Special thanks are due to Urs for undertaking the tedious task of reshuffling species names and order of appearance, while maintaining the integrity of the size and quadrifold layout. Anyone who has extensively modified a document in Word format knows how challenging that can be!

For those of us who have the 'old' list in our memory banks, the name changes are pretty benign. Common Moorhen is back to C. Gallinule (where it started many years ago) and the word Eastern now appears in front of 'our' Whip-poor-will. I'm pretty sure most of us will just say Whip-poor-will, secure in the knowledge that the now split Mexican Whip will not be found in Illinois anytime soon. But those darn warblers!! Ovenbird is now first, and Black-throated Green is just ahead of Canada. That's going to take some getting used to!

With the continued rapid advances in genetic sequencing science, we can be certain that the little gray cells of ornithologists and taxonomists within the AOU are working overtime. Another taxonomy reshuffle will surely be written across the sky in two or three years.. Do you think the AOU retirement funds own big chunks of stock in field guide publishers? Hmm…

— Robert Fisher

Letter from the Editor

In this issue, we present the winners for the latest IOS research grants (see page 86). The awarding of these grants fulfills one of IOS's core missions: To promote scientific research and education in order to improve knowledge and awareness of birds in Illinois. On the other end of the mission spectrum is this: To encourage others to become interested in birds and birding in Illinois. To that end, IOS sponsors the Illinois Young Birders Club. Neither of these important activities were present when the Illinois Ornithological Society started 20 years ago. (Our actual 20th anniversary date is July 2012.)

As editor of Meadowlark, I'm proud to publish the list of our research winners each year and read about their wonderful research. Virginia Abernathy, for example, is researching the role of ultraviolet light in a bird species' ability to discriminate between its own eggs and those of the Brown-headed Cowbird. Another graduate student, Kelly Van Beek is investigating nesting attempts in two different kinds of fields and she is finding remarkable results. I'm also excited about publishing words from our youngest members, the Illinois Young Birders Club, in the next issue.

It's difficult to believe I've been at this for 20 years, but more importantly, it's exciting to see what IOS has accomplished in these two decades. It's only because of members like you that we are able to expand our horizons. Thank you, one and all, for all you have done for IOS and Meadowlark over the years whether through volunteerism, fundraising and marketing of IOS. It would be great to see more people join us. Call me at 847- 566-4846 if you've got any ideas for Meadowlark or how to help market this great organization, and of course, if you've got the time to help, that would be great. We need all of you and we thank all of you.

Sheryl DeVore

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Anna's Hummingbird:
Illinois' First Record

By Vernon Kleen
with details from Ann Hayes

This story begins anecdotally with Frank and Donna Sturm, of rural Chillicothe (Peoria County), Illinois, returning from a mid-November vacation only to discover that one, possibly two, hummingbirds were still visiting their feeders. When Ann Hayes, who lives within a mile of the Sturms, learned of this, she emailed me the following message on 20 Nov. 2010, "...A neighbor of mine is still seeing hummingbirds at her feeder. Mine has been down since Oct. 15. I have done some reading, and places on-line state that any birds at the feeders after late October are inferior or sick ruby-throats. Or they may be Rufous Hummingbirds. I am going to ask the neighbor what she is seeing. I have also read that some people leave a feeder up all winter – in Illinois? Would that make any sense at all? How long do you leave your feeders up?" The reason Ann contacted me is because I have been banding Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (*Archilochus colubris*) – 164 to date – at her place each August the past five years.

My email response back to Ann that same day was, "I always encourage people to keep their feeders out until at least Thanksgiving – it's during the months of October through January that the unusual species show up. The Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) is the most expected of the unusual species (there's been one down near Charleston, Illinois, the past three weeks). However, other species have been observed here in Illinois.... I'd be interested in hearing more about the hummingbird(s) at

Photos of Anna's Hummingbird taken in Peoria County on 2 December 2010.

Photos by Ann Hayes.

your neighbor's feeders. If they are Ruby-throated, that does not mean anything is particularly wrong with them (after all, if there was something seriously wrong with them they wouldn't have survived this long). If they are something other than Ruby-throats – would you be willing to let me know right away?"

The message continued, "At this time of year these hummingbirds tend to stay at the same feeders for several weeks (since those are usually the only feeders available – because most are taken down before Thanksgiving). People with such birds either bring the feeder in at night and put it out before dawn the next morning, or, they have two feeders and alternate them to keep the juice from getting too cold. Birds coming to feeders at this time of year occasionally stay into January (or all winter) before they finally leave (or disappear). So, again, please let me know if your neighbor thinks she has something other than a Ruby-throat – which is a great possibility. If a photo could be taken and sent down to me – that would be helpful."

On receipt of my note, Ann responded late that night (still 20 November), "...I am going to put a feeder out here in hopes that I may attract some hummers and I will speak with the neighbor down the street tomorrow about her hummingbirds."

To Ann's surprise, a hummingbird came to her newly placed feeder almost immediately (21 November). Then, in mid-afternoon on 24 November (the day before Thanksgiving) she emailed me back indicating, "I just called Donna and the hummingbird was at her feeder. She was unable to get a picture – but will keep trying – she does think it is a rufous, and said you would be more than welcome to contact her about coming to band. Now to my hummer -- yes, I put out a feeder and immediately got one. We were not home yesterday – but did see it in the a.m. before we left. It is definitely an immature male ruby – I could see a few red feathers peeking through on his neck. I have not seen him yet today ...however, since Donna just saw hers, mine should show soon.

As with Donna, you are more than welcome to come and try to band the one that is here."

Because the Sturms had a potential Rufous Hummingbird, arrangements were made with both the Hayes and Sturms to arrive at their homes about dawn Saturday morning (27 November) in an effort to find out for sure what species were there, and, perhaps, catch and band them, as well. As I drove out of my garage that morning I could tell that one of my tires was flat. That, basically, cancelled the trip. I waited until 7 a.m. to call the Hayeses to let them know that I would not be able to make it. However, since I was able to get the tire fixed by 8:30 a.m., I called the Hayeses again and learned that the birds had already appeared at both locations that morning – so I drove up there anyway arriving about 10:30 a.m. The two traps were in place before 11:00 a.m. Thad Edmonds joined me for the "wait". Neither the Hayeses nor the Sturms (nor Thad nor I) saw any hummingbirds after the birds' early morning visits – and we stayed until dark. The birds failed to show on Sunday, as well. We thought that they had, perhaps, already departed.

Communications on Monday and Tuesday were also negative (no birds). Then, on Wednesday, 1 December, Ann wrote, "My little friend made a showing about 15 minutes ago. Do Ruby Throats have red above their eye?" and later that day she provided the first photo. At 4:00 p.m. on 2 December she wrote, "He has been here all day. He has been guarding the feeder from the soft maple tree. I have some more pics to send you--what is strange to me – he has red coming in behind his eye?? I will be here tomorrow." The three photos were received by email and early that evening (still 2 December.) were forwarded on to most IORC members and other birders for review and comment with 1) a note stating, "Ready for another challenge – it may be a real challenge this time." 2) an invitation for everyone to join me at dawn the next morning to see the bird, and 3) directions on how to get there. On quick review of the photos two IORC members suggested Anna's as a possibility; another suggested an immature male Ruby-throated. By the time I had arrived there the next morning, Ann, too, thought the bird may be an Anna's.

I arrived at the Hayeses home at 6:45 a.m. on 3 December. The trap was in place at 6:55 a.m. The bird arrived at 7:10 a.m. and went directly into the trap without hesitation. It was an immature male Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*). John and Ann Hayes and I were the only ones there for this special event and, on release, the bird made the typical hummingbird departure—fast and away. Although it must have continued to be present somewhere in the area, it was not seen again until Sunday morning, 5 December, by Craig Taylor and colleagues who braved the snow in what could have been a futile trip. However, all who ventured there (despite the snow) from 5-13 December were able to observe this surprising Illinois jewel that appeared reliably many times each day at the Hayeses' feeder kept warm by a heat lamp.

The photos taken by Ann Hayes document this first "offieial" occurrence of the Anna's Hummingbird in Illinois. For the record, another Anna's Hummingbird (an immature female – photographed) was reported in Carbondale from 17-29 September 1990 (Robinson 1996); that record, because of the difficulty of identification, is considered of hypothetical occurrence.

By the way, we don't know for sure if the bird that we originally drove up to see was really a Rufous or not; however, the Anna's obviously, turned out much better—and, even though captured and banded (band number L27034), stayed around for nearly two weeks for the viewing pleasure of approximately 150 observers.

Although the thrill of seeing the Anna's Hummingbird was "priceless" for those who were privileged to see it, it also provided an economic value as well. The exact number who saw the bird and the number of vehicles that found their way to the Hayes driveway were not recorded every day; however, the amount of time spent, if calculated in terms of dollars per observer hour (including vacation time some observers took) is beyond the scope of such value. But, a real figure, $2,000, would be close for just gas alone if 50 vehicles averaged 250-mile round-trips at 20 miles per gallon with gas near $3 per gallon.

Acknowledgments

First and foremost, many thanks to Ann and John Hayes for their much appreciated hospitality in catering to the volumes of birders; second, to John Hayes for clearing the snow from the driveway and viewing area so that everyone could conveniently see the bird without leaving their vehicles; third, to all those who assisted the Hayes in keeping the feeders supplied with fresh nectar; and fourth, for all the personal support and daily communications posted on Illinois Birder's Forum.

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Inbreeding of Illinois Peregrine Falcons

By Mary Hennen

Inbreeding in raptor populations is not easily determined, but when a high percentage of individuals in a population are banded including many young each year, field observations of banded birds are possible to gather relevant data about such topics. The majority of the re-established Midwest Peregrine Falcon population is banded. The unique color band codes along with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service band that are placed on captured adults or fledging young allow for identification of individuals by scientists and other observers in subsequent years.

Zoom, a female Peregrine Falcon who mated with her son, sits on her nest in 2011.

Photo by Mary Hennen.

Tordoff and Redig (1999) documented only 4 precent of identified breeding pairs as being incestuous. Since the recovery of the species, the first recorded occurrence of inbreeding in Illinois Peregrine Falcons occurred in 2005 when the adult female (Magnolia – band code: blk22R) at the Hyde Park nest mated with her son (band code: b/g S/T) from 2000. Though the peregrines incubated their clutch of four eggs, the gutter nest failed as it ultimately washed out. Though never breeding successfully, this pair remained together in Hyde Park for the next four years.

In 2011, a second pairing of related peregrines occurred. At the Uptown Theater site, the adult female (Zoom b/r *4/H) nested with her son from 2005, Stan (b/g 98/K). Though Zoom was seen early in the breeding season with her mate of the previous eight years, b/g G/G was last confirmed via bands on 18 March 2011.

The Uptown peregrines sucessfully fledged two young. Maximum efficiency in copulation (frequency and success) occurs the week prior to egg laying (Radcliff 1980). Due to the length of time between the last sighting of b/g G/G and the first egg laid on 6 April 2011, odds are in favor of Stan being the biological parent of any fertilized eggs. This will be determined at a later date when the blood samples taken from this year's offspring are genetically mapped against last year's brood.

Isabel Caballero has developed microsatellite DNA primers as part of her recently completed dissertation research at the University of Illinois, Chicago and she has genotyped offspring for parentage studies of previous years' nests in the Chicago region. To ascertain if the eggs from the Uptown inbred pair of peregrines differed from unrelated mates, all eggs from accessible Illinois nests were weighed and measured shortly after being laid. Peregrine eggs are considered unusually small if their size range number (length x width) is less than 1800 millimeters and unusually large if greater than 2400 millimeters (Radcliff 1980). All Uptown eggs fell within normal parameters. The weight for said eggs was at the upper range (average is 40-50 grams). Overall, the inbred eggs were not significantly different in size or shape from either the rest of the 2011 Illinois eggs or from measurements of peregrine eggs overall.

This Peregrine Falcon with a Northern Flicker is the apparent offspring of a mother and her son nesting at the Uptown Theater in Chicago.

Photo by Rick Remington.

In the two recent Illinois inbred peregrine pairings, both were cases of a mother paired with her son. This may be in part due to the difference in dispersal distances between the sexes. Female peregrines will travel farther from their natal site to their breeding site while male peregrines stay relatively close (White et al. 2002). Other raptors show similar female-biased dispersal patterns between the sexes with pairing of related adults varying from mother-grandson, to mother-son, to siblings or half siblings (Carlson et al. 1998). The dominant pattern is for an established resident female to be paired with a returning related male.

Productivity of Illinois Peregrine Falcons has risen over the past decade as the population size has increased. If the density of peregrine territories continues to increase, we could see a greater frequency of inbreeding in the species. Inbreeding currently remains rare in the population, but because of the ongoing monitoring and banding of individuals in the region, we will be able to gather additional data to access the ramifications in the future.

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IOS awards seven research grants

By Tara Beveroth

One of IOS's primary objectives is to promote scientific research and education in order to improve knowledge and awareness of birds in Illinois. To that end, IOS awards a number of research grants every year. IOS, with the support of organizations including the Chicago Ornithological Society, Kane County Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society, and a number of individual IOS member donations, the Society was able to award seven grants of $1,000 each in 2011. Each grant recipient, with a brief summary of their research, is listed here.

Virginia Abernathy

Virginia Abernathy is a graduate student at Western Illinois University. Her project focuses on the potential role ultraviolet light plays in the ability of Brown-headed Cowbird hosts to discriminate between their eggs and a foreign egg. The Northern Cardinal makes a good study species because it is a common host that usually accepts cowbird eggs, although evidence suggests this bird occasionally rejects immaculate or divergent eggs. To determine if a reduction in UV reflectance of cowbird eggs would elicit a rejection response from the cardinal, she tested the following four treatments:

- Cowbird eggs covered with UV-block
- Cowbird eggs covered with petroleum jelly used as a control
- Uncoated cowbird eggs used as a control
- Cardinal eggs covered with UV-block

After UV-block was applied, brightness in the UV spectrum was significantly reduced for both cardinal eggs and cowbird eggs. The brightness in the UV spectrum was not significantly reduced after the petroleum jelly was applied. No other color spectra were significantly affected by either coating after application; however, cardinals did reject two cowbird eggs with UV-block (11.8%) and three of their own UV-blocked eggs (20%). These data may indicate that UV light plays a role in egg recognition by the Northern Cardinal.

The lack of a significant rejection response may be due to high intraclutch variation (differences in appearance of eggs laid by a single female) found naturally within cardinal clutches and the overall similarity in appearance between cardinal and cowbird eggs.

In addition, though cowbird eggs are typically smaller, they can overlap in size with cardinal eggs, which may have prevented cardinals from evolving a rejection response toward the smaller cowbird eggs. Furthermore, cowbird parasitism is not as costly for cardinals as it is for some species, and therefore, selection pressures to evolve an ability to recognize cowbird eggs are minimal.

Continuing Project Grants

The Illinois Ornithological Society looks forward to receiving new proposals for 2012 projects. Funding availability is variable, based on the changing economy and the political climate. The Society is always looking for ways to continue to provide grants for projects that can positively impact bird conservation and provide knowledge and awareness. Please consider writing a check in support of the IOS grant program. IOS will take donations at any time, and the treasurer will earmark these funds. These grants are aimed at Illinois birds, and will continue to support the efforts of students and professionals who dedicate their skill and passion to studying birds of Illinois while also working to enhance and protect their future.

John Andrews

John Andrews is a graduate student in the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Department at the University of Illinois. His project involves testing the conspecific attraction hypothesis, the tendency of a species to want to settle near one another, on Grasshopper Sparrows and studying nocturnal singing behavior of grassland birds in conjunction with the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) program in central Illinois.

In 2010 and 2011 Andrews tested whether Grasshopper Sparrows use conspecific cues to select habitat by broadcasting the male Grasshopper Sparrow song.

Song was recorded at night and early mornings to determine if nocturnal song was occurring and if so, which species were singing at night.

Data from the experiment show that Grasshopper Sparrows are attracted to nocturnal singing from conspecifics. In both the 2010 and 2011 breeding seasons, significantly more Grasshopper Sparrows were observed in fields with playback stations broadcasting song than control fields with no treatment.

In 2010 especially, Grasshopper Sparrow densities were twice as high in fields with broadcasting used with their songs as opposed to the calls of other species. Grassland bird song was also recorded in both years, though more heavily in 2010 than 2011.

Preliminary analysis of these data suggests that Grasshopper Sparrows do sing at night. However, further analysis will investigate if nocturnal song is done during specific portions of the breeding season and if nocturnal song differs in structure or frequency from dawn chorus or diurnal songs. Incorporating behavioral natural history in conservation planning is essential to the restoration of declining grassland species like the Grasshopper Sparrow.

Antonio Celis-Murillo

Antonio Celis-Murillo is a graduate student in the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Department at the University of Illinois. His project goal is aimed at understanding the function of dawn singing behavior. Dawn singing refers to a period of intense singing activity by birds that usually takes place 30 to 60 minutes before sunlight. During the dawn chorus some species employ different vocalizations than what they use during the rest of the day. Some show high levels of vocal activity while others vocalize infrequently. Several hypotheses concerning the function and evolution of dawn singing have been proposed, however, this phenomenon still remains unclear.

In 2011, in an attempt to characterize patterns of singing activity by all passerine birds, Celis-Murillo recorded 720 dawn and morning choruses at 18 locations distributed across Kennekuk County Park in Vermilion County, Vermilion River Observatory in Vermilion County, and Phillips Tract Natural Area in Champaign County.

Recordings were conducted using autonomous recording units and manual acoustic recording systems (such as parabolic microphones and digital recorders).

These data will provide a thorough understanding of dawn singing behavior and the temporal and spatial patterns of bird vocal behavior in Illinois, such as the species that sing at dawn, the song rates at which they sing (in comparison with morning song) and the type of songs they use.

Understanding the function of dawn singing behavior on passerine birds is critical to develop a robust acoustic method for rapidly and effectively surveying birds using dawn singing. This protocol will be intended to serve as a tool for avian biodiversity assessments by amateurs, universities, government, and non-governmental organizations.

Jason Fischer

Jason Fischer is a fourth year PhD student in the Program of Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology at the University of Illinois. His project explores the relationships between urbanization, avian condition, survival, and foraging behavior.

Urbanization is rapidly and drastically altering the face of the earth, with profound consequences for wildlife. While scientists know that many species are extirpated by development, they have limited understanding of how species that survive in human-modified environments are impacted by different levels of urbanization.

Fischer uses mist nets to capture birds near feeders across the urbanization gradient present in Champaign County, Illinois.

Avian condition is assessed by measuring mass, fat, and muscle size. Identification bands are then applied to the legs of the birds. Attached to these bands are radio frequency identification (RFID) tags (also called pit tags). When a tagged bird visits a bird feeder outfitted with an RFID reader, the identity of the individual and the time and duration of its visit is recorded.

This information will allow estimates of survival rates for populations at different levels of urbanization. It will also document changes in use of food resources.

Fischer has marked more than 500 birds with RFID tags. A pilot study conducted in the summer of 2010 suggested that condition does not change with urbanization, but at this time there is insufficient data to calculate survival estimates or compare foraging behavior at different levels of urbanization.

A continuance of this study will obtain a better grasp of the impacts of development and could lead to recommendations that mitigate the negative consequences of urbanization and improve conservation potential of birds that live in cities.

Bethany Krebs

Bethany Krebs is a graduate student in the Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology at the University of Illinois. Her project studies how movements and roosting behaviors of American Robins may impact the transmission of West Nile virus in the Chicago area.

Twenty five birds from seven nests were fitted with radio transmitters and tracked for three months. Mosquitoes, amassing over 200,000, have been collected within and outside of communal roosts for West Nile virus testing.

Radio tagged birds were found using previously unknown small communal roosts of two to five birds. Data also suggest that juvenile robins remain near where they were hatched for approximately three weeks, and then join flocks with other juvenile birds. There is some evidence of brood division between male and female birds, and survival of an adult's allocated fledglings appears to impact where the adult roosts and whether or not it joins a communal roost.

Due to high post-fledging mortality of juvenile birds, it was difficult to determine how parental roosting behaviors impacted the roosting practices of juveniles, however at least two surviving juveniles were found using large communal roosts. Currently the mosquito infection rate data are unavailable, pending testing of collected samples which will likely be finished in 2012.

Annina Rupe

Annina Rupe is a graduate student in the Environmental GIS Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program and a M.S. candidate in the Department of Biological Sciences at Western Illinois University. Rupe's project investigates the breeding habitat conditions of the Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

The Eurasian Tree Sparrow's United States' population has not been extensively researched, thus the preferred habitat conditions must be identified so other ecological questions about this species can be answered.

During the summer of 2011, forty-two randomly sampled points were visited twice to collect presence/absence data regarding the Eurasian Tree Sparrow and the House Sparrow. Date and time of collection, maximum and average wind speed, and temperature were also recorded.

Geographic information software (ArcGIS) was used to determine the distances from each point to the nearest grassland, cropland, building, water, urban area, and forest.

Additional Eurasian Tree Sparrows were found from a search on rural roads throughout McDonough County and point and climatic data were taken from these positions.

All random point data were imported into a habitat modeling software (Hyperniche) to determine which habitat and environmental factors, such as landscape types, elevation, and wind, affect the presence of the Eurasian Tree Sparrow and the House Sparrow.

Preliminary data analyses indicate that elevation and average wind speed, and distance to urban areas, forest, water, and grassland affected the House Sparrow presence. Distance to cropland, forest, grass, and buildings were the most important factors for Eurasian Tree Sparrow presence.

Eurasian Tree Sparrows (based on the non-random point data) were typically found at an elevation of 204 meters, were closer to grassland, buildings, and cropland, and farther away from water and urban areas.

The forest variability was 0.60, which means that Eurasian Tree Sparrows occurred where the forest edge was more diverse, such as shrubs jutting out instead of being linear with no variation. Continuing analysis on the random data will focus on determining more specific habitat conditions, based on model output.

Kelly VanBeek

Kelly VanBeek is a graduate student in the Resources and Environmental Sciences Department at the University of Illinois. Her project investigates the nesting ecology of birds in soybean fields, with a comparison of no-till and tilled soybean fields being the main objective. This research builds on current grassland bird research, which began in the summer of 2011.

Sixty-two nests were found in no-till fields, while four were found in tilled fields. The top three species of birds nesting in fields were American Robin, Mourning Dove, and Red-winged Blackbird.

Time-lapse cameras revealed that coyotes and thirteen-lined ground squirrels were the most common predators.

No-till fields are more attractive as nesting habitat for birds. Beek suspects that the combination of structure and food resources is what makes these fields attractive. Few nests were destroyed by farming practices, while predators caused the most nest failures. Higher abundances of most bird species were found in no-till than tilled fields as well.

Further research goals include elucidating what attracts birds to no-till fields and examining how birds are impacting potential soybean pests. Ultimately these data will help managers make recommendations that can benefit both crop production and wildlife.

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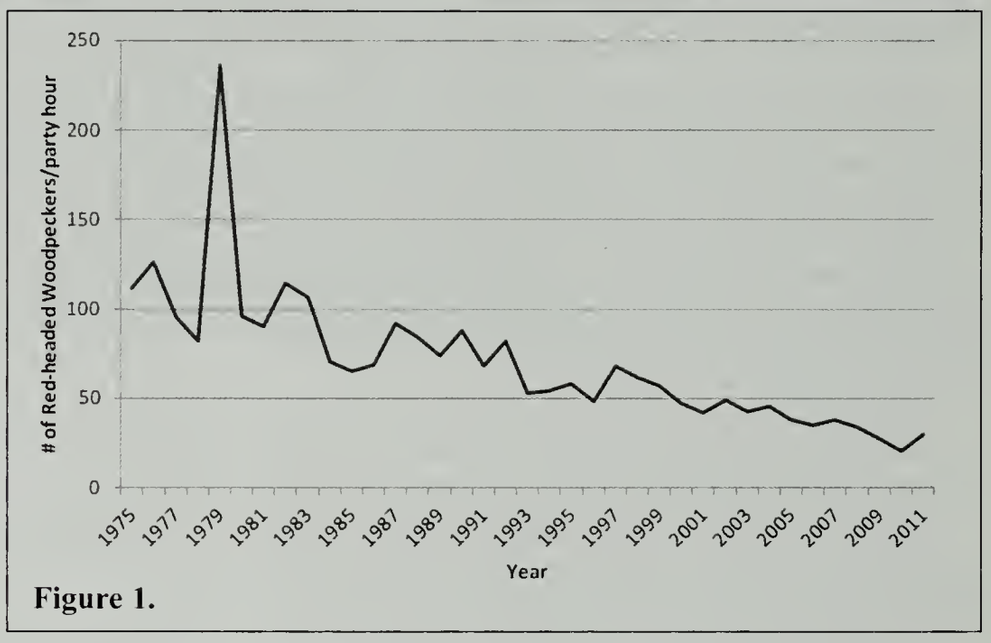
The 2011 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

By Michael P. Ward and Tara Beveroth

The 2011 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count held 7 May marks the 41st Spring Bird Count in the state. We thank the contributors who counted in 94 counties. The next count is Saturday 5 May 2012. Certain counties need compilers for the 2012 count. These include Christian, Clark, Hamilton, Jefferson, Livingston, Macon, Peoria, Wayne, and Williamson. If interested please contact beveroth@illinois.edu.

Population trends

One of the scientific reasons for conducting this count is that birds are among the easiest taxa to monitor, plus birds move easily providing a correlation to the condition of a given habitat. Population trends for three species illustrate the annual variations. First, the decline in Red-headed Woodpeckers (Figure 1) has been documented by various censuses in many parts of the species' range. While many counties still detect the species (90 in 2011) only a couple individuals are detected per county. In contrast, Red-tailed Hawk populations (Figure 2) have steadily increased in the state. In general, Illinois' diurnal rap-



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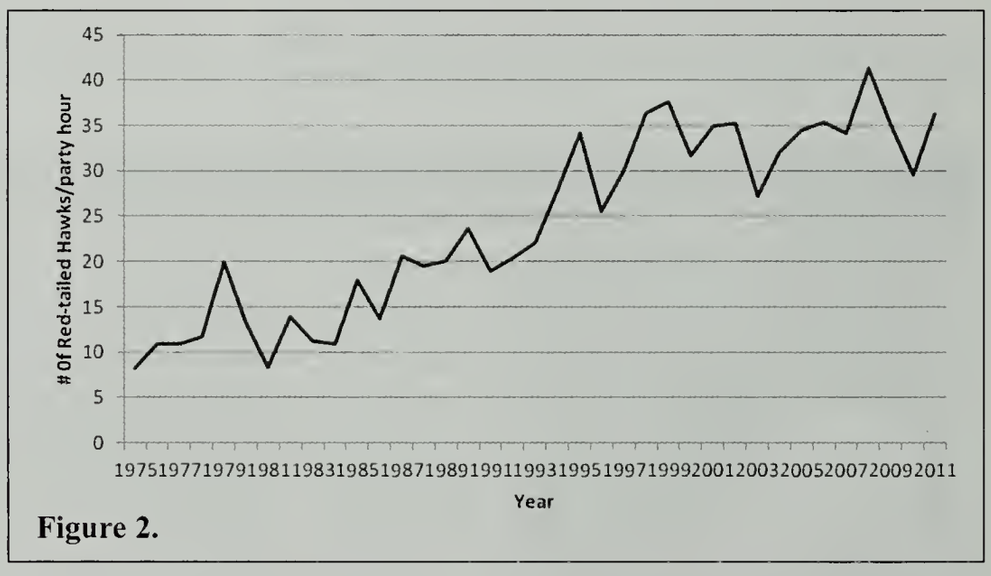

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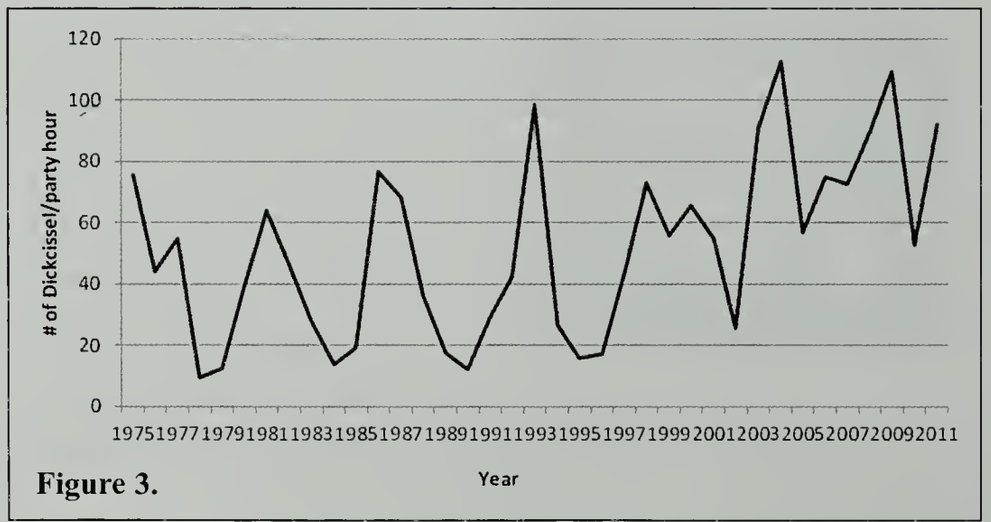


Figure 3.

Figure 1. The population of Red-headed Woodpeckers over the last 35 years in Illinois.

Figure 2. The population of Red-tailed Hawks over the last 35 years in Illinois.

Figure 3. The population of Dickcissels over the last 35 years in Illinois.

Figure 4. The number of species detected and participants (in parentheses) in Illinois Counties in 2011. The hatched counties were not censused.

tors appear to be in good shape. In 2011, Red-shouldered Hawk, Bald Eagle, Osprey, and Merlin set all-time county highs. Dickcissel (Figure 3) populations have an interesting cyclic pattern. One reason for the fluctuation from year to year could be related to what's happening on the species' Venezuelan wintering grounds. The variation of the annual bird count date could also be a factor.

Results and observations

The total number of species documented during the 2011 count was 263 (See Table 3), with nearly all of the counties reporting at least 100 species (Figure 4). Statistics including number of miles driven, hours walked, and observers, are included in Table 2. These statistics are important because observer hours can affect the significance of the data gathered. An interesting data set is one that shows the commonality of species through time. Though these data can be difficult to interpret because of different effort each year, one approach is to simply rank how common a species is in a given year and compare that rank to previous years. Red-winged Blackbird (Table 1) was the most abundant species detected for the fifth consecutive year. The 2011 count also appeared to be a very good year for White-crowned Sparrow, which ranked 16 or below in the previous four years, but ranked at No. 8 this year.

No new species for the count were found in 2011. In general there were not many rare species detected. Some exceptions include two White-winged Scoters in Cook County. This is only the eighth year in which they

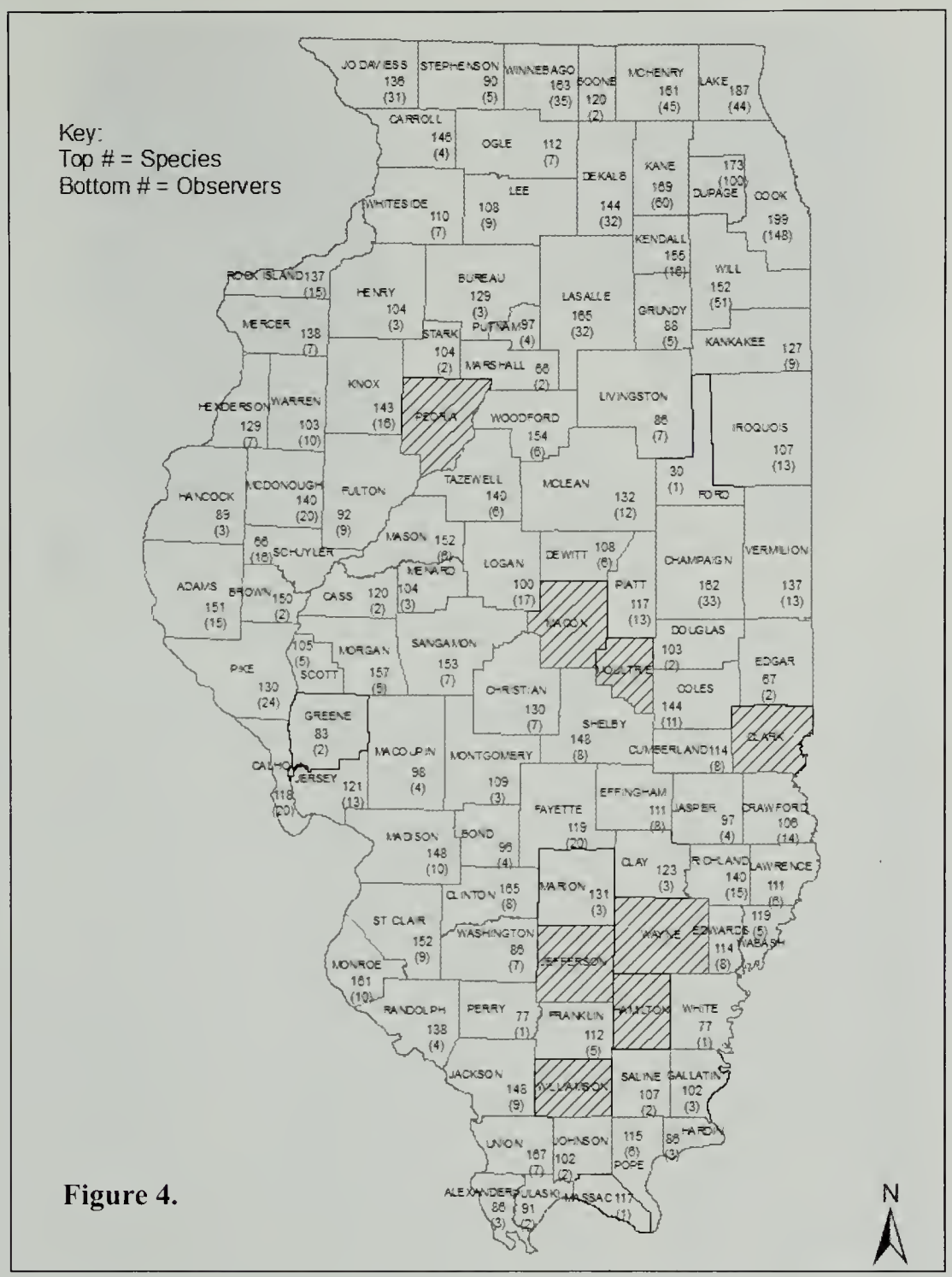


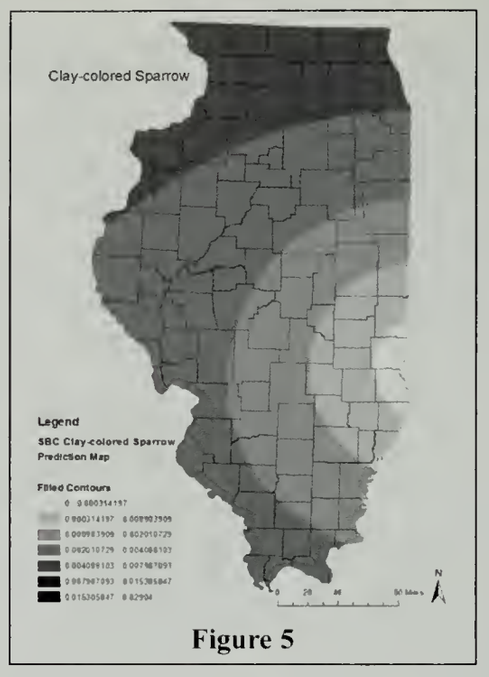
Figure 4.

Table 1. The relative rank of species in terms of abundance (top 20 in 2011) in a given year.

Species	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	1	1	1
American Robin	2	2	2	2	4
Common Grackle	3	6	3	3	2
European Starling	4	3	4	4	3
Canada Goose	5	7	5	5	6
American Goldfinch	6	10	10	7	8
Brown-headed Cowbird	7	12	9	8	5
White-crowned Sparrow	8	22	33	28	16
House Sparrow	9	9	7	6	7
Tree Swallow	10	5	6	13	15
Northern Cardinal	11	14	11	10	10
Barn Swallow	12	4	8	11	14
Blue Jay	13	26	18	16	19
Mourning Dove	14	15	12	9	9
Yellow-rumped Warbler	15	17	17	32	24
Chipping Sparrow	16	20	16	15	18
Ring-billed Gull	17	16	14	14	31
Mallard	18	19	21	20	37
American Crow	19	23	27	25	25
Indigo Bunting	20	18	13	12	11

have been reported. Also, a Painted Bunting (Jackson County) was found for the third consecutive year in the state, but only the sixth year overall.

As with any year there were several new high counts both for the number of species reported and the number of counties detecting a given species. While the all-time high



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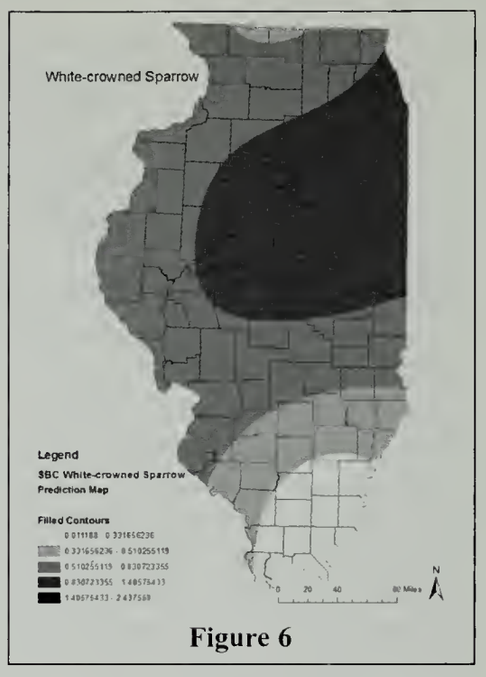
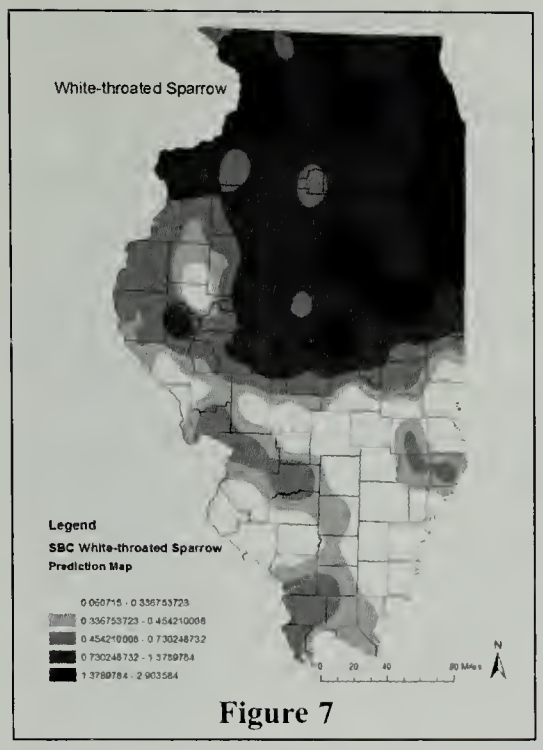


Figure 6

Figures 5-9: Sparrow hotspots throughout the state.

Table 2 – 2011 County Statistics

County	Sp.	Birds	Obs	Ptys.	Start	End	Miles W	Miles D	Miles O	Hours W	Hours D	Hours O	Compiler
Adams	151	6717	15	8	330	2130	15.5	426	0	20.5	41.5	0	Al Dierkes
Alexander	86	892	3	2	630	1155	0	64	0	0	5.5	0	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	96	2827	4	1	600	2020	4	92	0	5	9.25	0	Charley Marbut
Boone	120	3278	2	2	445	2000	13	168	0	12	11	0	David B. Johnson
Brown	150	2668	2	1	330	1730	3	120	0	6	8	0	Mike Ward
Bureau	129	6240	3	3	400	1800	14.5	182.5	0	14.5	17.5	0	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	118	7919	20	11	530	2100	12.5	331.6	0	13.2	50.15	0	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	146	5841	4	4	230	1630	11.5	203	0	18	21	0	Jeff Baughman
Cass	120	2628	2	1	500	1600	1	134	0	1	8.5	0	Robert Randall
Champaign	162	9732	33	20	300	1830	62	355	0	70	24.5	0	Beth Chato
Christian	130	2960	7	5	412	1915	20	272	0	29.3	14.2	0	Clark Olson
Clark	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Clay	123	974	3	2	500	1500	2.5	127	0	3.5	7.5	0	Terry Esker
Clinton	165	8640	8	5	0	2000	10	585	0	31.5	29.5	0	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	144	3333	11	5	430	1900	18	94	0	24.5	14	0	Tyler Funk
Cook	199	47664	148	80	510	2046	237.65	269.85	0	304.68	29.78	3.33	Alan Anderson
Crawford	106	3007	14	6	500	2100	15	34	0	16.5	40	0	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	114	1993	8	4	400	1800	7.5	112	0	11	16	0	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	144	12832	32	14	0	2030	63.1	386.7	0	60.5	41.3	0	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	108	1442	6	3	530	2025	8	92	0	18	3.5	0	Lynnette Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	103	13239	2	1	530	1600	5	100	0	4.5	6	0	Mark Alessi
Du Page	173	27990	100	40	400	2030	207	324	0	252	18	0	Bob Fisher
Edgar	67	1975	2	1	637	1502	.5	129.5	0	.58	7.62	0	Scott Chiavacci
Edwards	114	3921	8	3	630	2000	7.5	130	0	12	13	0	Bob Shelby
Effingham	111	5890	8	5	515	2045	10	165	0.5	26	11	0	Mary Ann Hoefflinger
Fayette	119	2644	20	13	400	2359	18.75	235.5	0	24	19.25	0	Kathy Stokes
Ford	30	1495	1	1	630	1630	0.5	137.5	0	2	8	0	Joshua long
Franklin	112	4400	5	3	200	1945	29	73	0	7.5	58.5	0	Robert Drennan
Fulton	92	2927	9	3	500	2200	7	179	0	4.5	24	0	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	102	1290	3	1	320	2120	6	200	0	2	9	0	Craig Taylor
Greene	83	220	2	1	500	1500	**	**	**	**	**	**	John Andrews
Grundy	88	2328	5	4	600	1635	14	101.5	0	17	11.5	0	Diane Cooper
Hamilton	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Hancock	89	1678	3	2	530	2130	3	140	0	2	17	0	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	86	573	3	1	530	2015	0	69	0	0.66	10.66	0	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	129	3097	7	4	230	2050	11	248	0	12.75	20.75	0	Chuck Leib
Henry	104	1797	3	1	500	1700	3	136	0	7	4.6	0	Randy Nyboer
Iroquois	107	2303	13	10	550	2000	13	94	0	17.35	10.2	25	William Burwell
Jackson	148	4001	9	6	315	2115	86.5	253.75	0	11.08	23.67	4	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	97	1379	4	2	430	1200	2	139	0	4	8	0	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Jersey	121	4452	13	7	430	2200	6.11	121.45	0	10.5	21.31	2	Blair Campbell
Jo Daviess	136	11371	31	9	515	2130	26	495	0	26	54.45	0	Grace Storch
Johnson	102	1008	2	1	550	2037	1.5	107	0	3	9.75	0	Ray Boehmer
Kane	169	22621	60	26	400	2030	88	344	0	153	33	0	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	127	3158	9	7	435	2020	13.5	88	0	23	6.75	0	David Atkinson
Kendall	155	8288	16	8	400	1900	46.75	157	0	57	8.75	0	Keith Johnson
Knox	143	3840	16	10	305	2100	20	346	0	19	27.67	0	Jim Mountjoy
Lake	187	22300	44	14	430	1830	113.25	386.5	0	216.7	19.25	0	Beau Schaefer
La Salle	165	11809	32	14	330	2345	50.5	748	0	70	55	0	John McKee
Lawrence	111	3773	6	3	500	2000	3.5	234	0	8	24.75	0	Julie St. John
Lee	108	1716	9	4	630	1900	9	17	0	22	2.5	0	John Bivins



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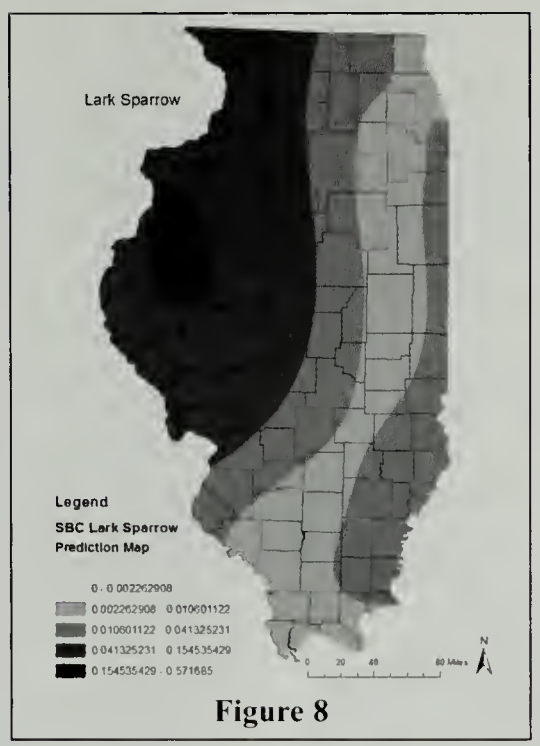

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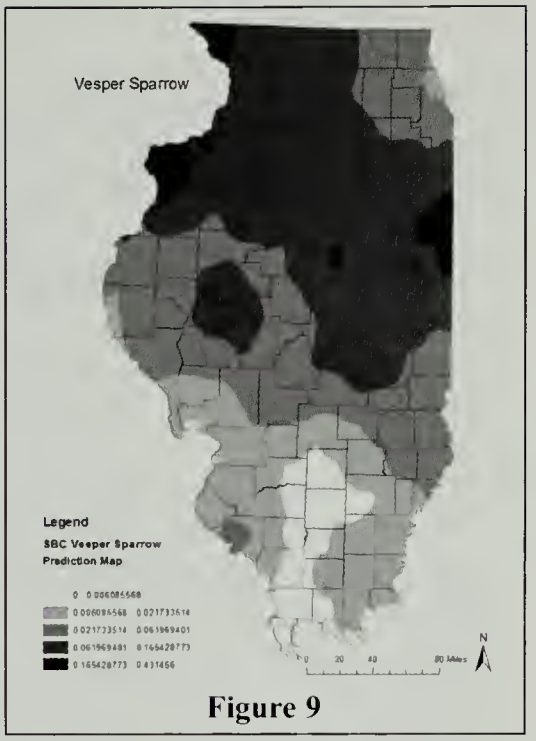

Figure 9

Table 2 – 2011 County Statistics, continued

County	Sp.	Birds	Obs	Ptys.	Start	End	Miles W	Miles D	Miles O	Hours W	Hours D	Hours O	Compiler
Livingston	86	1688	7	1	600	2000	**	**	**	**	**	**	Nancy Vial
Logan	100	3609	17	10	430	2026	33	169	0	42	17	0	Steve Coogan
Macon	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Macoupin	98	2289	4	3	415	1830	7	126	0	7	13.25	0	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	148	4153	10	6	430	2030	25.5	182.5	0	48.75	13.5	0	Frank Holmes
Marion	131	1828	3	2	330	1330	5	155	0	5	7	0	Terry Esker
Marshall	66	1099	2	1	500	1700	1	155	0	1	11	0	Mary K. Hill
Mason	152	5686	6	3	430	600	14.5	225	0	19	12.5	0	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	117	1472	1	1	630	1600	1	143	0	0.5	9	0	Matt Mckim-Louder
McDonough	140	5951	20	10	445	2215	35.5	260.9	0	59.58	21.5	0	David and Heidi Benson
McHenry	161	17969	45	27	512	2030	76.25	562.75	1	89	44.5	2	Rob Gough
McLean	132	4308	12	5	600	1800	20	137	0	30	4	0	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	104	702	3	2	556	2000	6	59	0	7.5	4	0	Jim Herkert
Mercer	138	6062	7	5	230	2015	5.15	164.8	0	7	41	0	Bill A. Bertrand
Monroe	161	8089	10	7	400	2000	9	235	0	37	26	0	Carl Daubach
Montgomery	109	3286	3	2	525	1945	10	143	0	14.5	10.5	0	Mark Phipps
Morgan	157	4370	5	4	455	2130	14	328	0	15	35	0	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Ogle	112	3263	7	4	610	1800	11.5	198.6	0	6	38.5	0	Richie Wolf
Peoria	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Perry	77	327	1	1	600	1400	2	8	0	2	3	0	Brian Chandler
Piatt	117	3339	13	8	530	2130	20	89	0	27	9.77	0	Charlene Anchor
Pike	130	7216	24	11	500	2130	11	415	0	12	50.5	0	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	115	1962	6	4	530	1700	8	128	0	5	17.8	0	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	91	1085	2	2	515	1430	4	105	0	4.5	7	0	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	97	1891	4	2	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	Michelle Simone
Randolph	138	4050	4	2	446	2020	2.5	208	0	10.67	16.25	0	Ann Sanders
Richland	140	5722	15	8	400	2000	11.75	347.5	0	12.25	32.25	0	Frank E. Storment
Rock Island	137	6992	15	6	530	1830	22.5	346	0	27.5	30.75	0	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	152	5309	9	5	515	2230	18.25	393	0	36.3	25.1	0	Richard Call
Saline	107	1513	2	1	340	1625	4	75	0	3	8	0	Tara Beveroth
Sangamon	153	3874	7	5	400	2030	25.5	162	0	24	12	0	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	66	942	16	5	600	2300	N.R.	6	0	20	3	0	Jack and Dee Ramsey
Scott	105	1081	5	2	500	1800	5	114	0	7.5	9.75	0	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	148	4037	8	7	400	2200	13	208	10	59	19.5	4	Karen Forcum
Stark	104	1469	2	1	430	2030	2.5	98	0	8	3	0	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	90	2002	5	3	545	2000	16	94	0	26	6.63	0	George Visel
Tazewell	140	5805	6	3	600	2030	16.5	264	0	23	13.5	0	Thad Edmonds
Union	167	9212	7	5	200	1930	18	350	0	18.5	46	0	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	137	5920	13	8	415	2100	30.5	272.5	0	35.5	21.5	0	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	119	1488	5	3	500	1730	7	92	0	10.25	2.75	0	Jacqueline L. Hallam
Warren	103	2502	10	7	530	1930	14	143	0	16.5	15.75	0	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	86	594	7	**	700	1600	2	32	0	12	1	0	Martin Kemper
Wayne	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
White	77	407	1	1	530	1130	1	69	0	1.5	4.5	0	Bob Shelby
Whiteside	110	3634	7	4	530	2000	7.5	364.5	0	8	23.25	0	Charlene Knudten
Will	152	20128	51	21	500	1900	71.5	484	0	89	63.5	0	Bob Harrison
Williamson	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Winnebago	163	21677	35	22	400	2200	123.5	816.3	19	127	43	6	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	154	4517	6	5	540	2100	46.5	134	0	52.5	14.5	0	Matthew Winks

N.R. = No Report ** = No data

counts are interesting it is also important to note the species that were recorded in very low numbers. Here are observations that were gleaned from Table 3.

- An all-time high count of Trumpeter Swans was detected, with the majority of these being in Warren County.
- Four ibises were found (3 Whited-faced and a single Glossy).
- All-time highs of Great Egrets were found both throughout the state and within a single county (DuPage).
- Only 197 Black-crowned Night-Herons were found far below their all-time highs.
- Nine Ospreys in DuPage County tied for the all-time high for a county.
- Bald Eagle numbers continue to increase setting a new all-time high for the third consecutive year. Their numbers have gone from 220 in 2009 to 233 in 2010 to 259 in 2011.
- Merlins (5 in Lake County) and Red-shouldered Hawks (31 in Union County) set all-time highs for a county. In addition, there was an all-time high for the state set with 8 Merlins.
- Black-necked Stilts continued to increase with an all-time high for the state and county (39 in Mason County). However, in general it was not a good year for high numbers of shorebirds.
- An all-time high record was set for the number of counties that found Pileated Woodpecker.
- Fayette County was the only location for Bewick's Wren.

Given several new all-time highs were set for different sparrow species, we thought it would be interesting to map out the hot spots in Illinois. (Figures 5-9) Some of the species that are early migrants are, as would be expected, more common in northern Illinois (e.g. White-throated Sparrow). While other migrants like Clay-colored Sparrow are more common in the north they appear to be more widespread in the western part of the state. The widespread White-crowned Sparrow is more common in the eastern part of the state. Other breeding species are more common in their core breeding range (e.g. Vesper Sparrow and Lark Sparrow).

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Key to Table:
* New Spring Bird Count High Total
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New species to Count in Bold Face and Underlined
Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Table 3. Species accounts for the 2011 Spring Bird Count

Species	Total No. of Cos.	Total No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Greater White-fronted Goose	1	1	Logan (1)
Snow Goose	10	22	Marshall (9)
Cackling Goose	1	2	Shelby (2)
Canada Goose	95	17135	Cook (1601)
Mute Swan	20	270	Tazewell (80)
Trumpeter Swan	3#	11*	Warren (7)*
Wood Duck	87	3072	Cook (310)*
Gadwall	18	145	Lake (31)
American Wigeon	1	2	Carroll (2)
Mallard	85	5761	Cook (1044)
Blue-winged Teal	71	1638	Lake (176)
Northern Shoveler	46	853	Clinton (201)*
Northern Pintail	2	3	Cook (2)
Green-winged Teal	22	91	Cook (12)
Canvasback	2	7	Calhoun (6)
Redhead	5	13	Lake (4)
Ring-necked Duck	15	70	Cook (21)
Greater Scaup	1	1	Clinton (1)
Lesser Scaup	20	89	McHenry (11)
White-winged Scoter	1	2	Cook (2)
Bufflehead	10	141	Cook (59)
Hooded Merganser	34	192*	Monroe (38)
Common Merganser	4	12	Lake (7)
Red-breasted Merganser	10	81	Lake (52)
Ruddy Duck	21	169	Cook (44)
Ring-necked Pheasant	52	426	Champaign (39)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	32	Marion (23)
Wild Turkey	81	1119	Winnebago (69)
Northern Bobwhite	57	416	Richland (31)
Common Loon	13	25	Lake (7)
Pied-billed Grebe	49	304	Cook (63)
Eared Grebe	4	5*	LaSalle (2)
American White Pelican	34	2479*	LaSalle (418)
Double-crested Cormorant	55	3654	Will (766)
American Bittern	12	15	Jasper (2)
Least Bittern	5	15	Monroe (11)*
Great Blue Heron	90	4340	DuPage (332)
Great Egret	51	2016*	Will (546)*
Snowy Egret	11	50	Monroe (11)
Little Blue Heron	15	125	St.Clair (59)

Table 3. Species accounts for the 2011 Spring Bird Count, *continued*

Species	Total No. of Cos.	Birds	High County (Total)
Cattle Egret	15	279	St.Clair (141)
Green Heron	77	553	Cook (91)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	14	197	Cook (145)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	7	22	Madison (7)
Glossy Ibis	1#	1	JoDaviess (1)
White-faced Ibis	3*	3#	3 Counties (1)
Black Vulture	13*	109	Union (34)
Turkey Vulture	94	4952	Calhoun (191)
Osprey	20	39	DuPage (9)#
Mississippi Kite	8	49	Johnson (20)
Bald Eagle	66*	259*	JoDaviess (37)
Northern Harrier	43	82	3 Counties (4)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	37	68	Cook (10)
Cooper's Hawk	63	325	DuPage (47)
Red-shouldered Hawk	34	134	Union (31)*
Broad-winged Hawk	34	110	DuPage (29)
Red-tailed Hawk	89	1500	Calhoun (98)
American Kestrel	79	328	Clinton (14)
Merlin	4	8*	Lake (5)*
Peregrine Falcon	12	19	Cook (5)
Black Rail	1	2	Monroe (2)
King Rail	3	4	Winnebago (2)
Virginia Rail	20	70	Lake (15)
Sora	45	532	Lake (63)
Common Moorhen	5	8	Monroe (3)
American Coot	63	3629	Douglas (450)
Sandhill Crane	18	232	McHenry (79)*
Black-bellied Plover	3	12	Crawford (10)
American Golden-Plover	16	2094	Champaign (712)
Semipalmated Plover	21	84	Tazewell (26)
Killdeer	93	2788	Cook (121)
Black-necked Stilt	11	70*	Mason (39)*
American Avocet	1	1	Mason (1)
Greater Yellowlegs	50	387	McHenry (70)
Lesser Yellowlegs	67	1465	Cook (116)
Solitary Sandpiper	75	813	Cook (127)
Willet	6	104	Lake (39)
Spotted Sandpiper	69	921	Cook (124)
Upland Sandpiper	6	17	2 Counties (4)
Hudsonian Godwit	2	3	Shelby (2)
Sanderling	1	4	Lake (4)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	18	196	Morgan (38)
Least Sandpiper	43	635	Cook (79)
White-rumped Sandpiper	5	8	Henry (3)
Baird's Sandpiper	3	10	Henry (6)
Peetoral Sandpiper	49	1310	Wabash (218)
Dunlin	13	41	Shelby (12)
Stilt Sandpiper	1	1	Knox (1)
Short-billed Dowitcher	14	62	2 Counties (13)
Long-billed Dowitcher	4	19	Shelby (12)
Wilson's Snipe	21	99	Lake (24)
American Woodcock	32	120	Lake (21)
Wilson's Phalarope	13	28	Wabash (6)
Franklin's Gull	1	1	Sangamon (1)
Bonaparte's Gull	3	28	Marshall (20)
Ring-billed Gull	38	6502	Cook (2531)
Herring Gull	15	1435	Lake (1318)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	1	Lake (1)
Glaucous Gull	1	1	Lake (1)
Great Black-backed Gull	1	1	Lake (1)
Caspian Tern	15	816	Lake (470)
Common Tern	9	186	Lake (143)
Forster's Tern	22	405	Lake (243)
Black Tern	8	23	Sangamon (11)
Rock Dove	83	2819	Cook (344)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	65*	299	Adams (20)
MourningDove	94	8153	Boone (488)
MonkParakeet	2	22	Cook (12)
Black-billedCuckoo	8	9	Lake (2)
Yellow-billedCuckoo	19	32	Union (7)
Barn Owl	4	4	4 Counties (1)
Eastern Screech-Owl	26	70	Lake (12)
Great Horned Owl	49	188	DuPage (27)
Barred Owl	77	390	Union (42)
Common Nighthawk	40	111	Lawrence (10)
Chuck-will's-widow	3	6	Union (3)
Whip-poor-will	37	179	Brown (21)
Chimney Swift	89	4286	Cook (502)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	86	944	Calhoun (159)
Belted Kingfisher	66	291	Cook (28)
Red-headed Woodpecker	90	1039	Pike (46)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	91	3098	DuPage (282)*
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	25	74	Cook (17)
Downy Woodpecker	89	2524	Cook (313)*
Hairy Woodpecker	74	499	Cook (74)*
Northern Flicker	85	1623	Cook (212)
Pileated Woodpecker	67*	320	Union (43)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	3	5	Crawford (3)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	73	514	Union (75)
Acadian Flycatcher	39	215	Union (76)
Willow Flycatcher	11	23	2 Counties (5)
Least Flycatcher	57	343	Cook (81)
Eastern Phoebe	92	1330	Winnebago (64)
Great Crested Flycatcher	90	1557	DuPage (132)
Western Kingbird	2	4	Madison (3)
Eastern Kingbird	93	2302	Clinton (176)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	Madison (1)
Loggerhead Shrike	18	27	Clay (6)
White-eyed Vireo	58	536	Union (115)
Bell's Vireo	26	55	St.Clair (9)
Yellow-throated Vireo	68	491	Union (43)
Blue-headed Vireo	46	240	Cook (57)
Warbling Vireo	81	1440	Cook (125)
Philadelphia Vireo	29	83	Effingham (22)
Red-eyed Vireo	84	768	Union (79)
Blue Jay	94	8615	Cook (951)
American Crow	94	5673	Winnebago (386)
Fish Crow	16	128	Union (41)
Horned Lark	85	1431	Clinton (158)
Purple Martin	82	3672	Calhoun (623)
Tree Swallow	88	11148	DuPage (1076)
No. Rough-winged Swallow	85	3998	Cook (425)

Table 3. Species accounts for the 2011 Spring Bird Count, *continued*

Species	Total No. of Cos.	Total No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Bank Swallow	57	3203	McHenry (613)
Cliff Swallow	71	5171	Clinton (782)
Barn Swallow	92	10403	Cook (902)
Carolina Chickadee	35	549	Monroe (100)
Black-capped Chickadee	59	4345	DuPage (490)
Tufted Titmouse	91	2480	Union (170)
Brown Creeper	18	87	Cook (27)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	35	98	Lake (13)
White-breasted Nuthatch	88	1932	2 Counties (180)*
Carolina Wren	75	708	Union (121)
Bewick's Wren	1	2	Fayette (2)#
House Wren	88	4324	Winnebago (409)
Winter Wren	5	6	Cook (2)
Sedge Wren	20	66	Kane (14)
Marsh Wren	33	139	Cook (21)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	11	Boone (4)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	55	1206	Cook (407)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	90	4326*	DuPage (539)*
Eastern Bluebird	93	2298	Union (104)
Veery	43	308	Cook (132)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	45	153	Union (18)
Swainson's Thrush	77	778	Cook (99)
Hermit Thrush	29	121	Cook (38)
Wood Thrush	82	951	Winnebago (77)
American Robin	94	41681	Cook (3709)
Gray Catbird	90	3768	Cook (384)
Northern Mockingbird	69	433	Monroe (29)
Brown Thrasher	92	1622	JoDaviess (60)
European Starling	94	27007	Douglas (2500)
American Pipit	28#	275	Coles (63)
Cedar Waxwing	48	1057	Kane (195)
Blue-winged Warbler	55	469*	Cook (95)*
Golden-winged Warbler	47	251	Cook (39)
Tennessee Warbler	74	1329	Union (154)
Orange-crowned Warbler	30	212*	Cook (106)*
Nashville Warbler	74	1995	Cook (426)
Northern Parula	82	1045	Union (84)
Yellow Warbler	87	2915	Cook (501)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	61	475	Cook (132)
Magnolia Warbler	63	491	Cook (190)
Cape May Warbler	30	84	Cook (21)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	12	39	Cook (15)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	88	8148	Cook (1439)
Black-throated Green Warbler	70	1101	Cook (234)
Blackburnian Warbler	43	298	Cook (71)
Yellow-throated Warbler	49*	181	Union (50)
Pine Warbler	23	89	Cook (17)
Prairie Warbler	21*	125	Pope (40)
Palm Warbler	77	5251	Cook (1465)
Bay-breasted Warbler	24	63	Cook (17)
Blackpoll Warbler	49	225	Cook (37)
Cerulean Warbler	30	88	Cook (14)
Black-and-white Warbler	66	1014	Cook (298)
American Redstart	78	1748	Cook (198)
Prothonotary Warbler	58	398	Union (58)
Worm-eating Warbler	26	78	Union (22)
Ovenbird	72	643	Cook (134)
Northern Waterthrush	68	1075	Cook (330)
Louisiana Waterthrush	46	180	Union (51)
Kentucky Warbler	58	369	Union (97)
Mourning Warbler	10	17	Monroe (4)
Common Yellowthroat	90	4006	Cook (365)
Hooded Warbler	28	76	Union (32)
Wilson's Warbler	35	123	Cook (51)
Canada Warbler	17	30	Cook (6)
Yellow-breasted Chat	57	330	Union (52)
Summer Tanager	64*	443	Union (92)
Scarlet Tanager	84	812	Cook (102)
Eastern Towhee	89	2217*	DuPage (164)
American Tree Sparrow	3	13	Kane (7)
Chipping Sparrow	94	6520	Winnebago (503)
Clay-colored Sparrow	17	86*	Cook (32)*
Field Sparrow	91	3030	DuPage (201)
Vesper Sparrow	50	270	LaSalle (24)
Lark Sparrow	46	198	Mason (27)
Savannah Sparrow	75	1219	Cook (278)
Grasshopper Sparrow	63	604	Carroll (93)
Henslow's Sparrow	38	186	Jasper (20)
LeConte's Sparrow	1	4	Cook (4)
Fox Sparrow	3	4	Pike (2)
Song Sparrow	91	5145	DuPage (524)
Lincoln's Sparrow	41	367	Cook (173)
Swamp Sparrow	53	941	Cook (324)
White-throated Sparrow	83	5290	Cook (1845)
Harris's Sparrow	1	1	Rock Island (1)
White-crowned Sparrow	89	12007*	Cook (5553)*
Dark-eyed Junco	34		Cook (2)
Smith's Longspur	1	15*	Jasper (15)*
Northern Cardinal	94	10712	DuPage (650)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	89	4094	Cook (499)
Blue Grosbeak	50	190	Union (30)
Indigo Bunting	94	5446	Union (778)
Painted Bunting	1	1	Jackson (1)
Dickcissel	65	1852	Union (259)
Bobolink	61	860	DuPage (76)
Red-winged Blackbird	94	67217	Douglas (5000)
Eastern Meadowlark	94	3941	Jo Daviess (173)
Western Meadowlark	21	86	Jo Daviess (13)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	8	24	Cook (9)
Rusty Blackbird	3	6	Cook (3)
Brewer's Blackbird	3	11	Lake (7)
Common Grackle	94	29899	Will (3450)
Brown-headed Cowbird	93	12129	Cook (819)
Orchard Oriole	77	636	Union (88)
Baltimore Oriole	87	4103	DuPage (347)
Purple Finch	32	191	Pike (35)
House Finch	84	1881	Winnebago (156)
Pine Siskin	16	52	Kane (8)
American Goldfinch	94	13544	DuPage (779)
House Sparrow	94	11645	Cook (697)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	28*	491	Adams (71)

Field Notes

The 2010-2011 Winter Season

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Song Sparrow drawing by Pete Olson.

In terms of weather, the Illinois winter of 2010-2011 was very similar to the two previous winter seasons (i.e. colder temperatures and considerable amounts of precipitation). Temperatures fluctuated throughout the entire winter season, ranging from considerably above to well below normal. Periodic occurrences of higher winds produced severely harsh wind chills. Substantial amounts of precipitation were recorded throughout Illinois during frequent minor and major winter storm events. Overall, 23 individual noteworthy winter storms moved across all or a portion of Illinois during 2010-2011. These frequently occurring storms produced a variety of precipitation types (e.g. rain, freezing rain, hail, and snow), depending on the temperature regime at the time of the storm. There were 182 bird species reported throughout the state. However, this community was less diverse than that reported during the previous two winters (185 and 189 species, in 2009-2010 & 2008-2009 respectively). Nevertheless, this still represents a notable wintering avian community for Illinois.

Temperatures during December varied widely across the state ranging from considerably below to considerably above normal. This month was extremely active in terms of regularly occurring winter storms moving through Illinois. The season began with a major winter storm on 3&4 December which produced variable amounts of snowfall (1-8 inches) throughout the northern 2/3 of the state. Another minor storm skimmed the northern tier of counties, dropping approximately 1 inch of snow on 9 December. Shortly thereafter, another major storm occurred on 11&12 December. During the early half of the storm (11 December), moderate to heavy rainfall (0.5-1 inch) fell across the entire state, turning over to 1-6 inches of snow during the latter half of the storm (12 December). Additionally, this storm was accompanied by 20-35 mph winds which produced severe wind chills of -10 to -25 degrees. A few days later (15&16 December), Illinois was hit by another major winter storm which produced 3-6 inches of snow across the northern 1/3 of the state, 1-3 inches of snow in the central 1/3, and light rain and freezing rain through the southern 1/3. On 20 December, Illinois was again punished by a major winter storm. This event dropped 2-6 inches of snow over the northern half of the state and 1-2 inches of snow through the southern half. These storms were also accompanied by moderate wind chills ranging from 0 to -10 degrees. A slower moving major winter storm slammed into Illinois over the Christmas holiday (24&25 December), resulting in 4-8 inches of fresh snow over the northern portion of the state, 2-4 inches in central Illinois, and 1-2 inches across the southern region. The month ended with a storm event on 31 December, which yielded light rain, high winds, falling temperatures, and substantial wind chills throughout the entire state.

Temperatures during January ranged from slightly above to moderately below normal. Following the extremely active weather pattern of December, early January was relatively quiet, with nothing more than brief snow flurries occurring throughout various portions of the state. However, this respite from winter storms was all too brief. Illinois was pounded by a major storm on 11 January, which produced 2-5 inches of snow across the north, 3-6 inches in the central region, and 1-2 inches of snow through the south. A slightly weaker storm moved across the state on 17 January, resulting in light freezing rain and 2-4 inches of snow in the northern 1/3 of Illinois, light rain and freezing rain in the mid-section, and light rain throughout the south. A very weak storm yielded an inch or less of snow across the northern 2/3 of Illinois on 20 January. During the latter portion of the month, a series of milder storms moved across Illinois in fairly quick procession. On 24 January, an inch of snow fell over the central and northeast portions of the state, followed the next day (25 January) by light rain and freezing rain over the extreme southern region. A more widespread storm dropped 1-2 inches of snow in the north, light freezing rain in the center of the state, and light rain through the south on 27 January. The last day of the month, Illinois was slammed by the first of a massive two-pronged winter storm. The weaker first storm produced 1-2 inches of snow in the north and central portions of the state, along with light rain and freezing rain over the southern 2/3 of Illinois. Following this initial storm, the winds increased substantially and temperatures plummeted.

The extremely powerful second storm, which hit Illinois on 1&2 February, created a major blizzard that paralyzed the country from the Great Plains to the east coast. This storm dropped 12-24 inches of snow throughout the northern 2/3 of the state, along with heavy freezing rain and a major icing event through the southern 1/3. Winds from 25-30 mph, created severe wind chills ranging from -20 to -30 degrees on 2&3 February. Two weaker regional storms followed this monster blizzard. Light rain and freezing rain fell across the extreme southern portion of the state on 4 February, while approximately 1 inch of snow fell across the northern 1/3 of Illinois on 6 February. Strong winds and lower temperatures yielded brutal wind chills of -10 to -30 degrees during 6-9 February. This was followed by a two-week period in which no winter storms and much milder temperatures enveloped the state. A smaller storm produced light rain through northern Illinois, including light freezing rain and flurries over the northern tier of counties on 20 February. The latter portion of February experienced a series of relatively weak winter storm events. On 21 February, light rain and freezing rain changing to light snow fell over the northern 1/3 of Illinois, while light to moderate rain occurred through the southern 2/3 of the

state. This was followed by light rain and freezing rain, along with patchy spots of hail, over the entire state on 23 February. The next day (24 February), the northern half of Illinois had 1-3 inches of snowfall, while the southern half of the state experienced light to moderate rain. Another weak storm on 26 February resulted in an inch of snow and light freezing rain in the north, and light rainfall in the south. The winter season ended with a stronger storm on 27& 28 February, which produced light to moderate rain and freezing rain over the northern 2/3 of Illinois, along with moderate to heavy rainfall over the southern 1/3 of the state. February temperatures fluctuated considerably, ranging from well below to well above normal throughout the month.

The 2010-2011 winter bird community included most of the expected wintering birds, along with a fairly large variety of lingering migrants and semi-hardy species. Furthermore, a notable number of uncommon and accidental species were also documented. By the end of the winter season, very little early spring migration had been observed within Illinois.

Overall, most species composing the wintering avifaunal community were observed in less abundant numbers during the 2010-2011 winter season, as compared to the previous winter. In 2010-2011, "waterbirds" was the main species group which increased in overall abundance as compared to last winter. Species groups which decreased in overall abundance included: waterfowl (puddle and diving ducks), upland gamebirds, gulls, "permanent residents," "semi-hardy species," woodpeckers, "open country birds," mimic thrushes, sparrows, and blackbirds. Several species groups had equal numbers of increasing and decreasing species. Among these were: waterfowl (geese), diurnal raptors, shorebirds, doves, thrushes, and finches. Most waterfowl (swans) and owl species were recorded in fairly typical abundances. Several less common species, which are often recorded or should be present within the wintering community, were not encountered in 2010-2011. These species included: Gray Partridge, Eared Grebe, Tree Swallow, House Wren, Sedge Wren, Marsh Wren, Palm Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

The avian community reported this winter included ten extraordinary species (Barrow's Goldeneye, Gyrfalcon, Mew Gull, Slaty-backed Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Anna's Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Bohemian Waxwing, Chestnut-collared Longspur and Henslow's Sparrow), which required review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) before they could be accepted (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee 2007). Several additional species requiring IORC review were also observed within the state. Among these, some of the more interesting species included: Great Egret, Whooping Crane, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dunlin, Little Gull, California Gull, Forster's Tern, Barn Owl, Varied Thrush, Gray Catbird, Smith's Longspur, Orange-crowned Warbler, Pine Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, and Chipping Sparrow.

Waterfowl to Vultures

During the 2010-2011 winter season, 35 species of waterfowl were recorded within Illinois. This community included: 6 geese, 3 swans, 9 "puddle ducks," and 17 "diving ducks." Overall, the majority of waterfowl species, including both "puddle" and "diving ducks," were less abundant this winter. By comparison, geese had equally as many increasing (i.e. Greater White-fronted and Ross's Geese) as decreasing (i.e. Snow, Cackling, and Canada Geese) species, while swans were reported in similar numbers to last winter. Continuing a trend noted over the past few years, overall goose populations wintering at traditional central and southern locations appeared to be considerably reduced. Nevertheless, noteworthy numbers were reported at some traditional concentration sites like Carlyle Lake. The 50 Ross's Geese noted were an exceptional flock.

The majority of both "puddle duck" and "diving duck" species were observed in lower abundance during the 2010-2011 winter season. This included the trend of substantially reduced populations of ducks at traditional central and southern wintering concentration sites. The only notable duck concentrations were found at Lake Chautauqua NWR, Carlyle Lake, and Winthrop Harbor in Lake County. Two Barrow's Goldeneye were good finds, especially the one on the Mississippi River, allowing many observers to view it.

Ring-necked Pheasant was slightly more numerous this year, though all other upland gamebirds were less abundant statewide. Very few Northern Bobwhites were observed in the northern 2/3 of the state. The ongoing trend of no Gray Partridge reports, suggested the likely disappearance of this species from Illinois.

Among the other "waterbirds," 2 species of loon, 3 grebe, 3 heron, and 2 vulture species were observed this winter. Black-crowned Night-Herons and Black Vultures were reported in numbers similar to the previous year.

Diurnal Raptors to Terns

During the 2010-2011 winter season, 13 species of diurnal raptors were encountered within the state. Most of these species were reported in similar numbers to last winter. However, the Northern Harrier and American Kestrel decreased in abundance, while the Bald and Golden Eagles and Northern Goshawk exhibited slight to moderate increases.

American Coots and Sandhill Cranes were considerably less numerous this winter statewide. One early arriving Whooping Crane was flying over Chicago in February. The only notable concentration of cranes was observed in Kankakee County in early December.

A total of 8 shorebird species were recorded in Illinois this season. Wilson's Snipe and American Woodcock were more abundant this winter, while Killdeer were slightly less plentiful. Lingering shorebirds in early December included American Avocets, Least Sandpipers, Dunlin, and Pectoral Sandpiper. Additionally, a very early spring migrant Greater Yellowlegs was detected in late February.

An impressive 14 species of gulls and 1 tern were identified in Illinois this winter. Among the wintering gull community however, all species were either less abundant or were reported in numbers similar to last season. Of the more unusual wintering gulls, Iceland and Glaucous were less plentiful, while Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed, and Great Black-backed were similar in abundance to 2010-2011. Both Ring-billed and Herring Gulls were reported in greatly reduced numbers statewide. The only noteworthy concentration of Ring-billed Gulls was observed at Carlyle Lake. The "semi-hardy" Bonaparte's Gull was also present in considerably lower abundance. Two other species requiring IORC documentation were recorded this winter including a California Gull in Lake County, and a flock of Forster's Terns with the collection of unusually late shorebirds at Rend Lake. Three extraordinary gulls were also observed

briefly at various locations including Mew, Slaty-backed, and Glaucous-winged.

Pigeons to Kinglets

Eurasian Collared-Doves were more abundant, while Mourning Doves were considerably less numerous statewide this winter. Few observations of Monk Parakeets were reported.

Eight species of owls were found in Illinois this season. Most owls were recorded in similar numbers as last winter, exeept Barn and Long-eared, which were less abundant. Only two Snowy Owls were observed, one by many, in the north-central part of Illinois. Illinois did play host to two rare hummingbird species this year in early December, including Illinois's first accepted Anna's Hummingbird and a beautiful, cooperative, male Rufous Hummingbird, both in central Illinois.

With the exception of the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker which was present in usual numbers, all woodpecker species were reported less abundanlyt statewide. Only two Eastern Phoebes were observed in the south. Loggerhead Shrikes were nearly absent from the state this winter, with only three reports, while Northern Shrikes were present in similar numbers to last winter.

Other than the American Crow, the common "permanent resident" species (i.e. corvids, chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, and nuthatches) were encountered in slightly to greatly reduced numbers this season. It was a "low" year in numbers of the cyclic Red-breasted Nuthatch. Horned Larks and Brown Creepers were considerably less numerous throughout Illinois during the 2010-2011 winter season. No late-lingering swallows were detected this winter within the state.

Only the two typical wintering species of wrens were found in Illinois this season, and both were reported in greatly reduced numbers statewide. Additionally, both kinglets were present in substantially lower numbers throughout the state.

Thrushes to Buntings

A total of 4 thrush and 3 mimid species were observed this winter. All species were reported in substantially lower numbers, with the exception of the American Robin, which was much more abundant this year. European Starlings were considerably less numerous with no notable concentrations reported. American Pipits were present in typical numbers this year, while Cedar Waxwings were considerably more plentiful across the state.

Four species of warbler were recorded in Illinois this winter. Although more widely distributed, Yellow-rumped Warblers were less abundant statewide. The other three warbler species were all noteworthy in terms of wintering occurrences. Eastern Towhees were somewhat less abundant this winter, while three Spotted Towhees were located, and two photographed. Fifteen species of sparrow were observed this winter in Illinois, all in slightly-to-greatly reduced numbers. The exceptions included American Tree Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, and Le Conte's Sparrow, which were all more abundant this season. The Chipping Sparrow, which used to be a very unusual winter visitor, continues to be reported in greater wintering numbers, this year being found in all three regions of the state. Northern Cardinals and Lapland Longspurs were substantially less numerous throughout Illinois during the 2010-2011 winter, though the Snow Bunting was considerably more numerous and widespread throughout the state. A single Smith's Longspur was reported once again this winter.

Blackbirds to Weaver Finches

During the winter 2010-2011 season, 7 species of blackbird were identified within the state. The majority of these species were encountered in decreased numbers, although Red-winged and Brewer's Blackbirds were more abundant statewide. Concentrations of these birds at traditional southern wintering locales were once again considerably reduced.

Eight species of finch were reported this winter. House Finches and Pine Siskins were more numerous, while the American Goldfinch decreased in abundance, with Purple Finches recorded in similar numbers to the previous winter. There was a relatively good movement of "winter finches" into Illinois this winter, with small numbers of redpolls regularly encountered throughout northeastern Illinois and a fairly large number of Pine Siskins in the northern half of the state. Few but both crossbill species were also observed this winter.

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Abbreviations:

Co(s)	=	County(ies)	3rd	=	third winter plumage	Pk(s)	=	Park(s)
m.ob.	=	many observers	pr(s)	=	pair(s)	R	=	River
*	=	observation documented	Arb	=	Arboretum	SF	=	State Forest
ph	=	photo	CA	=	Conservation Area	SF&WA	=	State Fish & Wildlife Area
<	=	late fall departure	CBC	=	Christmas Bird Count	Sl	=	Slough
>	=	early spring arrival	CP	=	County Park	SNA	=	State Natural Area
♀	=	female	FP	=	Forest Preserve	SP	=	State Park
♂	=	male	H	=	Harbor	SRA	=	State Recreation Area
ad	=	adult	Island	=	Island	SWA	=	State Wildlife Area
imm	=	immature	L	=	Lake	Twp	=	Township
unk	=	unknown age/sex	L&D	=	Lock & Dam	MC	=	maximum count (from various sections of the state)
1st	=	first winter plumage	NC	=	Nature Center			
2nd	=	second winter plumage	NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge	Wds	=	Woods

Observation Locations:

AmnBot	=	American Bottoms (Monroe Co)
Ark	=	Arklands Reclamation Area / Pyramid State Park (Perry Co)
BaldwinL	=	Baldwin Lake (Randolph and St. Clair Cos)
BaldwinL-R	=	Baldwin Lake (Randolph Co)
BraidwoodL	=	Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
CarlL	=	Carlyle Lake (Clinton and Fayette Cos)
CarlL-C	=	Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F	=	Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CBG	=	Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign	=	Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chau	=	Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi	=	Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co)
ClintonL	=	Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
COLSP	=	Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
ConnerL	=	Conner Lake (Monroe Co)
CONWR	=	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
EForkL	=	East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
Fermi	=	Fermilab (DuPage Co)
Geneseo	=	Geneseo and vicinity (Henry Co)
GLPSNA	=	Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal	=	Greene Valley Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
GreenR	=	Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
HL	=	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
IBSP	=	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
JakeWolf	=	Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co)
Kankakee	=	Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks	=	Le Vasseur / Perry Farm Parks (Kankakee Co)
KankakeeRSP	=	Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
KArb	=	Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co)
KCP	=	Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)
KLMSNA	=	Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
LCal	=	Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
LowdMil	=	Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LShel-M	=	Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
LShel-S	=	Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co)
LTFP	=	Loud Thunder Forest Preserve and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
MArb	=	Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
MidSav	=	Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
MissR	=	Mississippi River (various Cos)
MRB	=	Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
Nachusa	=	Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
PLNWR	=	Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge, Keithsburg Division (Mercer Co)
Pomona	=	Pomona and vicinity (Jackson Co)
PRKWA	=	Peabody River King State Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
PrRdg-J	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
QC	=	Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
Rckfd	=	Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)
RendL	=	Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
RendL-F	=	Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin Co)
RockCut	=	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
SantaFe	=	Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
Spfld	=	Springfield and vicinity (Sangamon Co)
SRSF	=	Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
StarvedRock	=	Starved Rock State Park and vicinity (La Salle Co)
TOT	=	Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
UCCA	=	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Wauk	=	Waukegan and vicinity (Lake Co)
WhalonL	=	Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
WinthropH	=	Winthrop Harbor and North Point Marina (Lake Co)

When information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is available, it is included in parentheses at the head of the observation account. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s) who made the report. A location consisting of only a county(ies) is given in *italics*. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**. Species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter, which require IORC documentation, are underlined. Headings for species requiring review by the IORC appear in **CAPITALIZED, UNDERLINED, AND BOLDFACED** fonts.

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Winter 2010-2011 Field Notes

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: **5,000**, CarlL-C, 30 Jan (DMK); **5,000**, EForkL, 13 Feb> (CLH); 640, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 500, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 27 Feb> (UWG et al.); 144, BraidwoodL, 17 Feb> (JBH); 76, *Iroquois*, 1 Jan (JBH). **Others:** KLMSNA (3,817), 16 Feb> (CDh, PDh); PRKWA (450), 29 Jan (TJD); UCCA (400), 22 Jan (KAM); HL (385), 16 Feb> (KAM); Ark (300), 22 Jan (KAM); EdwardsR (Mereer Co) (57), 21 Feb> (CDM, JLM); Geneseo (50), 11 Feb> (SBH); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (40), 6 Jan (LA); Pomona (35), 17 Feb> (KAM); Spfld, 23 Jan (320), 25 Dec (40) (HDB); Rckfd (4), 19 Feb> (DTW); Union & Huntley (McHenry Co) (4 & 3 resp), 17 Feb> (KML & DTW resp); ChiR (Cook Co) (2), 3 Jan (DA); Des PlainesR (Will Co), 18 Dec (JPk); Milford (Iroquois Co) (2), 31 Dec (ES). More abundant this winter throughout the state.

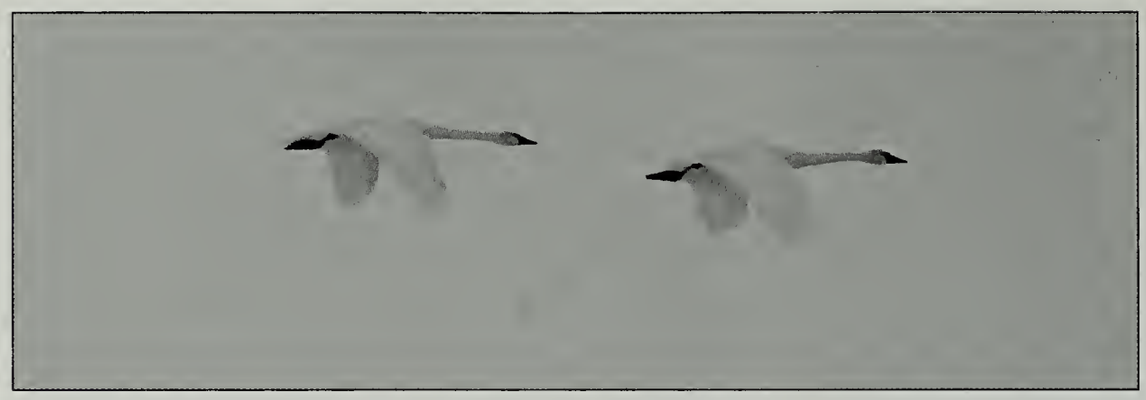
Snow Goose

MC: 100,000, CarlL, 13 Feb> (KAM); 24,970 (12,920 white morphs,12,050 blue morphs), Chau, 18 Feb (RGB, SNB); 10,000, EForkL, 13 Feb> (CLH); 89, EdwardsR (Mercer Co), 21 Feb> (CDM, JLM); 17, *Whiteside*, 22 Dec (EA, RN); 9, *Grundy*, 17 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** BaldwinL (9,000), 9 Jan (TJD); RendL-F (1,500), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Jackson* (500), 17 Feb> (KAM); *Sangamon* (400), 2 Jan (HDB); HL (300), 20 Feb> (FRH); *Kankakee* (42), 27 Feb> (JBH); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (20), 4 Dec< (JSS); Gillson Pk (Cook Co) (18; 12 blue, 6 white), 5 Dec< (JRS); ChiR (Cook Co) (6), 3 Jan (DA); Macomb (McDonough Co) (2 blue morphs), 10 Dec< (LLH); Geneseo, 10 Dec< (SBH); Des PlainesR (Will Co) (blue morph), 18-30 Dec (JPk).

Ross's Goose

MC: **50**, BaldwinL, 9 Jan (TJD); 22, Hudson Twp (McLean Co), 6 Jan (DW, LA); 20, CarlL-C, 21 Feb> (DMK); 15, *Grundy*, 4 Jan (JBH:ph); 14, BraidwoodL, 6 Jan (JBH). **Others:** *Alexander* (7), 28 Dec (JAS); *Jasper* (4), 1 Dec< (RES, CLH); Ark (3), 22 Jan (KAM); LRenwick (Will Co) (2), 2 Dec< (CAT); RendL-F (2),

Juvenile 'Blue' Snow Goose.
Winthtrop Harbor. Lake County.
29 November 2011.
Photo by Bonnie Duman.



Trumpeter Swans.
Clinton Lake.
DeWitt County.
19 December 2010.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

22 Dec (DMK, MSS); EForkL (2), 19 Feb> (CLH); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 4 Dec> (JSS, BJS); Calumet Pk (Cook Co), 26 Feb> (SBB); Cordova (Rock Island Co), 27 Feb> (UWG et al.); DresdenL (Will Co), 12 Feb> (AR); Monmouth (Warren Co), 1 Dec< (DJM); Heyworth (McLean Co), 5 Dec< (EWW); Spfld (ad & imm), 14 Dec & (2 ad), 25-26 Dec (HDB); Milford (Iroquois Co) (2), 31 Dec (ES); HL, 21 Feb> (FRH); Chi, 26-28 Feb> (SBB, WJM:ph).

Cackling Goose

MC: 475, LRenwick (Will Co), 2 Dec< (CAT); 253, WhalonL, 5 Dec< (PAM); 155, *Knox*, 11 Dec< (CAT, TLK); 100, CONWR, 22 Jan (KAM); 65, HL, 26 Dec (FRH); 64, Spfld, 9 Dec< (HDB); 47, *Lake*, 1 Dec< (EWW); 41, BraidwoodL, 5 Dec< (JBH); 24, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 4 Dec< (BJS, JSS); 13, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 9, Kankakee, 20 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** UCCA (25), 22 Jan (KAM); PRKWA (25), 3 Feb (TJD); Sam DaleL SWA (Wayne Co) (12), 6 Dec< (CLH); Ark (12), 22 Jan (KAM); EForkL (10), 10 Feb (CLH); Champaign (8), 5 Dec< (EWW); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (5), 18 Feb> (ASt); *McDonough* (5), 18 Dec (LLH); Geneseo (5), 11 Feb> (SBH); MissR (Adams Co) (3), 18 Dec (AGD); Danville (Vermilion Co) (3), 19 Dec (MPW); QC (2), 19 Dec (*KJM, SBH:ph); RendL (2), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); MissR (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (*KJM, LB); Milford (Iroquois Co) (2), 31 Dec (ES); LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Canada Goose

MC: 8,253, ClintonL, 7 Jan (MEF); 6,300, Kankakee, 22 Dec (JBH); 6,190 & 4,400, Spfld, 26 Dec & 26 Jan (HDB); 6,000, EForkL, 13 Feb (CLH); 5,525, LRenwick (Will Co), 2 Dec (CAT); 3,000, CONWR, 22 Jan (KAM); 2,500, *Knox*, 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); 1,731, Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 1,720, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 1,140, WinthropH, 23 Dec (EWW). **Others:** *Vermilion* (2,375), 19 Dec (SDB); HL (2,000), 26 Dec (FRH); *Cass* (2,000), 15 Jan (KAM); Chau (1,966), 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); CarlL-C (1,200), 30 Jan (DMK); PRKWA (1,000), 22 Jan (TJD); *Richland* (875), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *McLean* (755), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); LShel-S (600), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Will* (550), 20 Feb (KAM); *Coles* (500), 6 Dec (KAM); MissR (Rock Island Co) (500), 12 Jan (KJM); Geneseo (300), 10 Dec (SBH); RendL-F (300), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); MissR (Mercer Co) (300), 9 Jan (KJM). This species was considerably less abundant statewide, continuing the recent trend of reduced numbers particularly at traditional central and southern Illinois winter concentration sites.

Mute Swan

MC: 102, NippersinkL (Lake Co), 2 Jan (EWW); 80, LCal, 17 Jan (WJM); 4, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 14-17 Dec (JBH); 4, PRKWA, 11 Jan-26 Feb (TJD). **Others:** Channahon (Will Co) (56), 15 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); Spfld (5), 26 Dec (fide HDB); WinthropH (3), 25-28 Jan (EWW); MissR (Mercer Co) (2 ad), 29 Dec-9 Jan (*WMZ, MB, KJM); Chau (5), 19 Feb (KBR); HL (2), 28 Jan (KAM).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 135, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), wintering (MCl); 27, SantaFe, 21 Feb (DMK); 17 (14 ad, 3 imm), Chau, 28 Jan (RGB, SNB); 16 (6 ad,10 imm), MissR (Rock Island Co), 12 Jan (KJM); 16, PRKWA, 3 Feb (TJD); 9 (5 ad.,4 imm.), LCal., 2 Jan (WJM) "4 imm birds with yellow neck collars #78F, #80F, #81F, #82F". **Others:** SpringL (Tazewell Co) (13 unbanded), 5 Dec (KBR); *Washington* (13), 1 Jan (DMK); HL (13), 25 Jan (FRH); Sam DaleL SWA (Wayne Co) (9), 8-12 Feb (CLH); Canton (Fulton Co (7), 27 Feb (DRH); *Jasper* (7), 23 Dec (CLH); *Union* (7), 29 Dec (JAS, BJS); RendL-F (4), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); WinthropH (4), 19-26 Feb (KAM, EG); Savanna (Carroll Co) (3), 16 Feb (CZ); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (2), 5-11 Feb (DTW, BCW, Ash:ph et al.); Chi (Albany Pk) (2), 12 Feb (MJB, JWL, LBs); Channahon (Will Co) (2), 9 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); KLMSNA (2), 26 Feb (CDh, PDh); RiceL (Fulton Co) (2), 5 Dec (KBR); NippersinkL (Lake Co), 17 Dec – 3 Jan (BJS, SDB, SLD et al.); QC (ad), 19 Dec (*KJM, SBH:ph) "red neck collar"; Monmouth (Warren Co) (juv), 1 Dec (DJM); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (imm), 27 Feb (JBH:ph); ClintonL (3), 19 Dec (GSL:ph, RK).

Tundra Swan

MC: 80 (one flock in field), CraneL CBC (Cass, Fulton, Mason & Schuyler Cos), 18 Dec (TW, HDB); 20 (11 ad, 9 imm), Chau, 18 Feb> (RGB, SNB), but 2 there 3 Jan (KBR); 10, Channahon (Will Co), 9&15 Jan (JAS, UWG et al.); 6, EForkL, 16-25 Dec (CLH). **Others:** BloomingtonL (McLean Co) (6, 5 ad, imm), 12 Dec (MEF); MissR (Rock Island Co) (3; 2 ad, imm), 12 Feb (DTW, BCW, LGB).

Wood Duck

MC: 126, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 46, KaskaskiaR (St. Clair Co), 26 Feb> (TJD); 21, Spfld, 12 Dec< (HDB); 10, CarlL-C, 21 Feb> (DMK); 4 (3♂,1♀), KankakeePks, 29 Jan (JBH); 3, Durand (Winnebago Co), 18 Dec-20 Jan (DTW); 3, Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (BS, JR); 2, WhalonL, 2-4 Dec< (JAS). **Others:** EForkL (8), 3 Feb (CLH); Salt ForkR (Vermilion Co) (7), 17 Feb> (JOS); Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (2 ♂), 28 Feb> (JSS); *Carroll* (♂), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); (♀), LCal, 26 Dec (WJM). More abundant this winter.

Gadwall

MC: 490, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Dec (DFS); 80 & 40, Spfld, 8 Dee & 21 Jan resp (HDB); 45, HL, 28 Jan (KAM); 24, *Knox*, 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); 17, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); 11, Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (BS, JR); 10, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Ark (30), 22 Jan (KAM); CarlL-C (30), 21 Feb (DMK); WinthropH (14), 4 Dec (JSS); Chau (9), 31 Dec (RGB, SNB); BraidwoodL (8), 2 Dec (JBH).

American Wigeon

MC: 30, CarlL-C, 20 Feb> (DMK); 17, CONWR, 22 Jan (KAM). **Others:** MissR (Alexander Co) (10), 17 Feb> (KAM); HL (6), 16 Feb> (KAM); *Sangamon* (3), 3 Dec but pr there 21-31 Jan (HDB); BraidwoodL (2), 15 Jan (JBH); ChiR, Chi (♂), 29 Jan (LBs); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (1-2), 5-8 Feb (DTW, BCW, DH); SpoonL (Knox Co), 9 Dec (PR); *Kankakee* (♀), 2 Jan (JBH); EForkL, 31 Jan (CLH); RockR (Whiteside Co), 5 Feb (DTW).

American Black Duck

MC: 26, BraidwoodL, 10 Dec (JBH); 16, Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (SDB); 15, Chau, 31 Dec (RGB, SNB); 15, EForkL, 4 Feb (CLH); 9, CONWR, 22 Jan (KAM); 6, RockCut, 19 Jan (DTW). **Others:** *Sangamon* (9&10), 9 Dec & 2 Jan resp (HDB); LRenwick (Will Co) (7), 2 Dec (CAT); CarlL-C (6), 12 Feb (DMK); RendL-F (5), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); *McLean* (4), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); PRKWA (4), 30 Jan (TJD); WinthropH (3), 29 Jan (KAM); Channahon (Will Co) (2), 9 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); *Whiteside* (2), 22 Dec (EA, RN); RockR (Whiteside Co) (2), 5 Feb (DTW, BCW); *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Madison*, 10 Jan (FRH); LCal (♂), 17-22 Jan (WJM). **Hybrid:** *Kankakee* ("hybrid with Mallard"), 21 Feb (JBH).

Mallard

MC: 11,505, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 9,733, ConnerL, 13 Feb (CDh, PDh); 7,000, BraidwoodL, 16 Dec (JBH); 2,050, PRKWA, 13 Dec (TJD); 1,817, ClintonL, 10 Dec (MEF); 766, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). **Others:** UCCA (1,500), 22 Jan (KAM); CarlL (1,200), 13 Feb (KAM); Spfld (1,000), 8 Dec – 26 Jan (HDB); CONWR (800), 22 Jan (KAM); Danville (Vermilion Co) (650), 19 Dec (SDB); MissR (Rock Island Co) (500), 1-2,11 Dec (KJM); MissR (Madison Co) (500), 18 Dec (DMK); LRenwick (Will Co) (475), 2 Dec (CAT); RockR (Lee & Whiteside Cos) (373), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Zion (Lake Co) (225), 1 Jan (EWW); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (170), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.). **Hybrids**: LCal ("hybrid with Northern Pintail; ad ♂"), 26 Dec-3 Jan (*WJM). Considerably more abundant this winter statewide.

Blue-winged Teal

WinthropH (♂), 19 Feb> (AFS et al).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 800, CarlL-C, 5 Dec< (DMK); 114, LRenwick (Will Co), 2 Dec< (CAT); 60, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 45, Chau, 28 Jan (RGB, SNB); 32, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Dec (DFS); 31, *Knox*, 11 Dec< (CAT, TLK); 20, *St Clair*, 19 Feb (TJD); 14, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 6, BraidwoodL, 5 Dec (JBH); 5, LCal, 26 Dec (WJM, m.ob.). **Others:** Channahon (Will Co) (4), 9 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); Little SwanL (Warren Co) (12), 1 Dec< (DJM); Ark (10), 22 Jan (KAM); CONWR (7), 22 Jan (KAM); Danville (Vermilion Co) (2), 19 Dec (BS, JR); *Carroll* (♀), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); IBSP (♀), 1-30 Jan (EWW); Kankakee (♀), 21 Feb (JBH).

Northern Pintail

MC: 400, CarlL-C, 18 & 20 Feb> (DMK); 100, EForkL, 4 Feb> (CLH); 70, Chau, 18 Feb> (RGB, SNB); 70 & 15, *Sangamon*, 2 & 31 Dec< resp but 16 still there 1 Jan (HDB). **Others:** PRKWA (50), 30 Jan (TJD); River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (5), 10 Jan (EJC); Chi (Albany Pk) (3), 12 Feb (JWL, LBs); MidSav (2), 17 Feb (MFk); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co), 8 Feb (DH); LRenwick (Will Co), 2 Dee (CAT); Channahon (Will Co), 9 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); MissR (Carroll Co) (♂), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); IBSP (ad ♂), 1 Jan (EWW); CONWR, 22 Jan (KAM); Geneseo, 11 Feb> (SBH); HL, 14-16 Feb> (FRH, KAM).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 215, HL, 11 Feb> (FRH); 79, *St. Clair*, 19 Feb> (TJD); 26, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB). **Others:** CarlL-C (20), 21 Feb> (DMK); WinthropH (5), 4 Dec< (JSS); Spfld (5 & 2 ♂), 5 Dec & 5 Jan resp (HDB); UCCA (2), 17 Feb (KAM); *Kankakee*, 13 Dec (JBH); Lemont Quarry (Cook Co), 24 Dec (JAS); EForkL (♂), 14 Feb> (CLH).

Canvasback

MC: 10,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 470, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Feb> (REF); 100, RendL-F, 16 Jan (DMK); 74, LCal, 24 Feb> (WJM); 67 & 55, Spfld, 26 Dec & 31 Jan resp (HDB); 36, MissR (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, LB). **Others:** HL (35), 16 Feb (KAM); UCCA (20), 17 Feb (KAM); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (18), 16 Feb> (LA, BM); PRKWA (7), 22 Jan (TJD); WinthropH (2♂, 4♀ & 1), 4 Dec & 6 Jan resp (JSS, JWL); MissR (Carroll & Whiteside Cos) (3), 21 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); JakeWolf (♂), 17 Dec (RGB, SNB); *Kankakee* (♀), 31 Dec (JBH); EForkL (♂), 4 Feb (CLH).

Redhead

MC: 140, CarlL-C, 21 Feb> (DMK); 53, LCal, 26 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); 30, WinthropH, 17 Dec, 19 Feb (EWW, KAM); 16 (14♂, 2♀), *Kankakee*, 3 Feb (JBH); 14, Chau, 18 Feb> (RGB, SNB); 12, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 16 Feb> (LA, BM); 10 & 8, Spfld, 31 Jan & 5 Dec resp (HDB). **Others:** MissR (Adams Co) (5), 24 Feb (AGD); EForkL (4 ♂), 3 Feb (CLH); PRKWA (pr), 29 Jan (TJD); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (3), 8 Feb (DH).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 650, HL, 20 Feb> (FRH); 375, PRKWA, 3 Feb (TJD); 123, JakeWolf, 7 Jan (RGB, SNB); 68, LCal., 17 Jan (WJM); 34 & 27, Spfld, 8 Dec & 5 Jan resp (HDB); 12, MissR (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others:** CarlL-C (200), 21 Feb> (DMK); Ark (40), 22 Jan (KAM); IBSP (ad ♂), 31 Dec (EWW); Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (BS, JR); EForkL, 4 Feb (CLH); BraidwoodL, 17 Feb> (JBH).

Greater Scaup

MC: 600, IBSP, 31 Dec (EWW); 80, WinthropH, 23 Dec (EWW); 30, RendL-F, 16 Jan (DMK); 18, Peoria (Peoria Co), 19 Feb (KBR); 12, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (DMK). **Others:** Wauk (175), 13 Jan (BJS); Channahon (Will Co) (3), 9 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); PRKWA (4), 19 Feb (TJD); Bloomington (McLean Co) (3), 10 Dec (MJW); LShel-S (2), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (♀), 5-11 Feb (DTW, BCW, DH); *Kankakee* (♂), 18 Dec-2 Jan (JBH:ph); Spfld (6 & 7), 20 Dec & 31 Jan resp (HDB); HL, 18 Dec (FRH).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 6,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 785, LCal, 17 Jan (WJM); 100, UCCA, 17 Feb> (KAM); 109 & 25, Spfld, 3 Dec & 30 Jan resp (HDB); 12, MissR (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, LB). **Others:** Chau (43), 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); HL (25), 16 Feb> (KAM).

Harlequin Duck

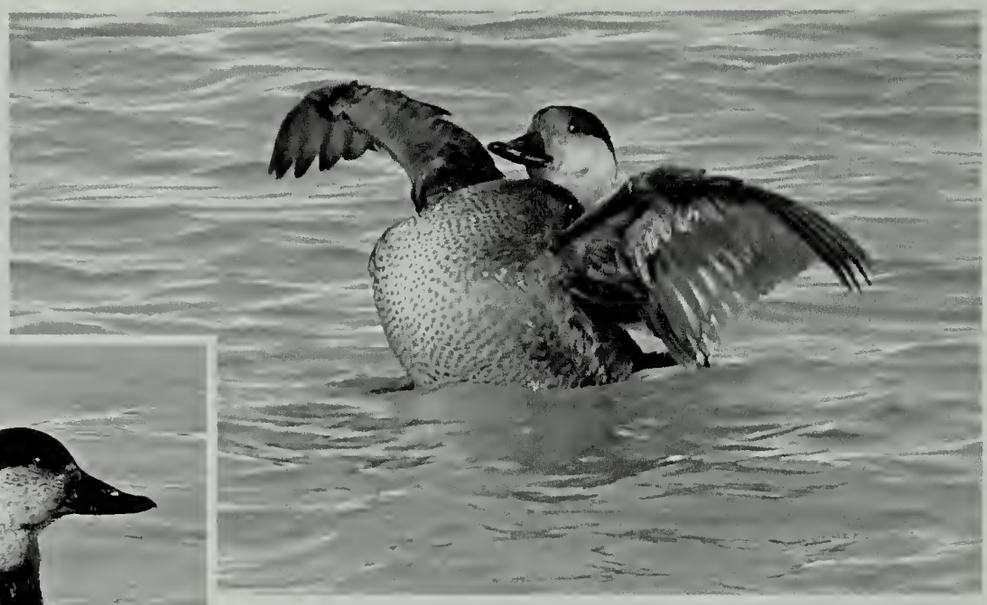
Chi (Navy Pier) (♂), 25 Dec & Chi (Grant Pk), 11 Feb (GAW, CLW et al. & DFS et al.).

Surf Scoter

MC: 6, Gillson Pk (Cook Co), 5 Dec (JRS). **Others**: IBSP (So. Unit) (ad ♂), 4 Dec (JSS); EForkL, 1-11 Dec (CLH); LCal (♀), 26 Dec, 3 Jan (WJM, m.ob.); MissR, Rapids City (Rock Island Co) (♀), 15-16 Feb (MAM, APS et al.).

White-winged Scoter

MC: 18, Gillson Pk (Cook Co) & Evanston (Cook Co), 25 Dec & 18 Feb (JIE & EG resp); 3, CarlL-C, 26 Feb (DMK); 2 (♀),



Black Scoter. Belmont Harbor, Chicago. Cook County. 25 January 2011. Photos by Steve Spitzer.

LCal., 26 Dec, 3 Jan (WJM, CDH); 2, WinthropH, 29 Jan – 5 Feb (KAM, BJS). **Others:** LCal (Bend in the Little CalumetR) (2), 28 Dec – 4 Jan (GN:ph et al.); Lockport (Will Co) (2), 29 Jan (CA); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (1-2), 5-11 Feb (DTW, BCW & DH resp); MissR (Madison Co) (2), 11 Feb (FRH); EForkL (2), 27 Feb (CLH); WhalonL, 4-11 Dec, 23-28 Feb (JAS, MAM, PAM, UWG); RendL-F, 22 Dec (CLH, DMK, MSS); Brandon L&D, Joliet (Will Co) (♀), 24 Jan (MAM); Peoria (Peoria Co), 5 Feb (KBR); CharlestonL (Coles Co), 24 Jan (RB, TDF).

Black Scoter

IBSP (So. Unit) (♀), 4 Dec (JSS); Chi (Loyola Pk) (♀), 13 – 26 Jan (SGS:ph); Chi (Calumet Pk) (♀), 24 Dec (RLS); Channahon (Will Co), 26 Feb (REF); Port Byron (Rock Island Co) (♀), 15 Feb (fide DJM); EForkL (♂), 27 Feb (CLH).

Long-tailed Duck

MC: **31**, WinthropH, 29 Jan (KAM); 4, EForkL, 1-15 Dec, but 2 there 18 Dec (CLH); 2, MissR (Rock Island Co), 15-16 Feb (LLH, MAM, APS). **Others:** Wauk (2), 12 Feb (BJS); Gillson Pk (Cook Co) (8), 25 Dec (JIE); Chi (NorthterlyI & MonroeH) (♀), 7-15 Feb (PD, SBB) & NorthterlyI (♂), 15 Feb (SBB); SpoonL (Knox Co), 9-14 Dec (MJB, PF, CAT); *Sangamon* (♂), 10 Dee (HDB); CharlestonL (Coles Co), 6 Dec (KAM, MSS); Chau (♀), 10 Dec (RGB, SNB); MissR (Rock Island Co) (♀), 12 Feb (DTW, m.ob.) & MissR, Pool 14 (Rock Island Co) (♂), 15 Feb (fide DJM); Seneca (La Salle Co) (♀), 26-27 Feb (JAS:ph, PAM, MAM, BC).

Bufflehead

MC: 151, ClintonL, 3 Dec< (MEF); 92, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 40, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK); 84 & 25, Spfld, 3 Dec< & 5 Jan resp (HDB); 16, WinthropH, 23 Dec (EWW); 14, LCal, 17 Jan (WJM); 10, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Wauk (8), 31 Jan (EWW); Channahon (Will Co) (4), 9 Jan (UWG, JAS et al.); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (2 ♀), 6 Dec (KAM); MissR (Rock Island Co) (2 ♀), 22 Dec (KJM, LB); RockR (Whiteside Co) (♀), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); EForkL, 31 Jan (CLH); *Kankakee* (♀), 15 Feb (JBH). **Hybrid**: Bufflehead X Goldeneye sp, Spfld, 15-19 Dec (HDB:ph).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 5,000, RendL-F, 16 Jan (DMK); 896, Chi (Montrose to MonroeH), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW, et al.); 652, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH); 600, MissR (Rock Island Co), 12 Jan (KJM); 500, CarlL-C, 17 Jan (DMK); 488, MissR (Mercer Co), 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 420, KankakeeR SP, 16 Feb (JBH). **Others:** MissR (Rock Island & Whiteside Cos) (499), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); Chau (363), 3 Dec (RGB, SNB); Spfld (500 & 270), 10-15 Dec & 22 Jan resp (HDB); Wilmington (Will Co) (205), 4 Feb (JBH); LCal (190), 17 Jan (WJM); MissR (Madison Co) (150), 18 Dec (DMK); PRKWA (150), 3 Feb (TJD); WinthropH (115), 18 Jan (EWW); RockR (Whiteside & Lee Cos) (81), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); CONWR (60), 22 Jan (KAM); LShel-S (40), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

[Northpoint Marina (Lake Co) (ad ♂), 21 Feb]; **MissR (Rock Island Co)** (ad ♂), 9-16 Feb (*DTW, JF, ASt:ph, LGB, BCW, m.ob.); [Peoria (Peoria Co), 19 Dec].

Hooded Merganser

MC: 1,200, RendL-F, 22 Dec< (DMK, MSS); 315, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 260, Spfld, 8 Dec< (HDB); 200, CarlL-C, 14 Dec< (DMK); 193, ClintonL, 3 Dec< (MEF); 34, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Dec (DFS); 19, LCal, 17 Jan (WJM). **Others:** KaskaskiaR (St. Clair Co) (90), 16 Jan (TJD); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (20), 6 Dec (KAM); MissR (Whiteside Co) (15), 22 Dec (EA, RN); Wauk (15; 7♂, 8♀), 31 Jan (EWW); CONWR (10), 22 Jan (KAM); WinthropH (9; 6♂, 3♀), 15 Jan (EWW). This species was considerably more abundant throughout the state. **Hybrid**: Hooded Merganser X Goldeneye sp (♂), Chi (MonroeH), 11-15 Feb (DFS, SBB et al.).

Common Merganser

MC: 1,600, Chi (Grant Pk), 23 Dec (DFS); 750, MissR (Rock Island Co), 12 Feb (DTW, m.ob.); 700 & 300, Spfld, 16 Jan & 30-31 Dec resp (HDB); 422, Chau, 7 Jan (RGB, SNB); 300, Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co), 19 Dec (GSL, RK); 196, Wauk, 19 Dec (BJS); 135, PRKWA, 30 Jan (TJD); 129, MissR (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (EWW); 114, HL, 16 Feb (KAM). **Others:** MissR (Rock Island & Whiteside Cos) (112), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); CONWR (110), 22 Jan (KAM); LShel-S (70), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); RendL-F (50), 16 Jan (DMK); BraidwoodL (42), 14 Feb (JBH); CarlL-C (40), 14

Ring-necked Pheasant.
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Dec (DMK); *Knox* (38), 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); RockR (Ogle Co) (29), 5 Feb (DTW, BCW); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (17), 6 Dec (KAM); MissR (Mercer Co) (15), 9 Jan (KJM).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 1,800, Northwestern Lakefill, Evanston (Cook Co), 6 Feb (JIE); 925, WinthropH, 29 Jan (EWW); 600, Chi (Grant Pk), 1 Dec (DFS); 200, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK). **Others:** Spfld (8 & 4), 4-6 Dec & 3 Jan resp (fide HDB), w/ a few all Dec; LShel-S (4), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); RendL-F (2), 22 Dec,16 Jan (DMK, MSS); PRKWA (2), 30 Jan (TJD); BraidwoodL (pr), 14 Feb> (JBH); EForkL (2 ♂), 21 Feb> (CLH); RockR (Rock Island Co) (♀), 19 Dec (*TM, CZ, DZ); RockR (Whiteside Co) (♀), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); HL, 30 Dee (FRH).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 665, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 520 & 220, Spfld, 11 Dec< & 27 Jan resp (HDB); 400, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK); 360, EForkL, 4 Dec< (CLH). **Others:** RendL-F (20), 16 Jan (DMK); CONWR (20), 22 Jan (KAM); HL (15), 16 Feb (KAM); PRKWA (11), 15 Jan (TJD).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 27, *Edwards*, 24 Dec (RES); 20, Ark (Galum Unit), 27 Dec (JAS, THy); 12, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 11, *St. Clair*, 16 Dec (TJD); 8, MissR (Adams Co), 21 Feb (AGD). **Others:** HL (10), 16 Feb (KAM); *Whiteside* (2), 22 Dec (EA, RN).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 130, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 97, Pike Twp (Livingston Co), 14 Dec (BM); 26, KankakeePks, 1 Feb (JBH); 20 (8 , 5 ♀,7 unk), *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 15, *LaSalle*, 16 Dec (REF); 9 (8♂, ♀), GreenR, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); 9 (3♂ ,6♀), *Winnebago*, 29 Jan (KAM). **Others:** ClintonL (8), 21 Jan (MEF); El Paso (Woodford Co) (6), 5 Dec (EWW); Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co) (♂), 21 Jan (KAM); Fermi, 2 Jan (KL).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

PrRdg-J (30), 16 Feb (RES).

Wild Turkey

MC: 200, *LaSalle*, 30 Jan (BC); 137, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (WMZ, MB, m.ob.); 75, *La Salle*, 13 Feb (JAS, JIN); 58, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB); 57, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 45, CarlL-C, 11 Dec (DMK); 18, *Edwards*, 24 Dee (RES). **Others:** *Rock Island* (47), 14 Dec (KJM); *Carroll* (37), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Winnebago* (27), 15 Dec (DTW); ClintonL (24), 3 Dec (MEF); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (24), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); KankakeePks (24), 17 Feb (JBH); Lanark (Carroll Co) (20), 12 Feb (DTW); Spfld (18), 26 Dec (fide HDB); *Whiteside & Lee* (16), 27 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); *Pulaski* (16), 12 Feb (EWW); Geneseo (10), 11 Feb (SBH); *Madison* (7), 20 Feb (KAM); Belleville (St. Clair Co) (5), 19 Dec (KAM).

Red-throated Loon

MC: 3, 1BSP (So. Unit), 4 Dec (JSS). **Others**: Chi (Grant Pk), 1 Dec (DFS); Lower PeoriaL (Peoria/Tazewell Cos), 3 Dec< (KBR).

Common Loon

MC: 21, Gillson Pk (Cook Co), 5 Dec< (JRS); 6 & 2, *Sangamon*, 3 & 11 Dec< resp (HDB). **Others**: HL, 1 Dec< (FRH); RendL, 22 Dec (CLH, DMK, MSS); BaldwinL-R, 2 & 22 Jan (DMK:ph, MSS & MT resp).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 25 (~20 wintered), *Sangamon*, 23 Dec (HDB); 21, RendL, 5 Dec (EWW); 18, PRKWA, 16 Dec (TJD); 18, BaldwinL, 22 Jan (MT); 16, *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 14, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 9, ClintonL, 3 Dec< (MEF); 7, BraidwoodL, 17 Feb> (JBH); 4, LCal, 26 Dec (WJM, m.ob.). **Others:** CharlestonL (Coles Co) (5), 6 Dec< (KAM); *Knox* (4), 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); MissR (Adams Co) (3), 6 Dec (AGD); Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); CarlL-C (3), 26 Feb (DMK); HL, 26 Dec (FRH); CarthageL (Henderson Co), 19 Feb (PR).

Horned Grebe

MC: 59, ClintonL, 3 Dec< (MEF); 30, Lower PeoriaL (Tazewell Co), 3 Dec< (KBR); 24, BaldwinL-R, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); 18, *Sangamon*, 3 Dec<, w/one 19-23 Jan (HDB). **Others:** EForkL (3), 26 Feb> (CLH); Chi (MonroeH) (2), 11 Feb (DFS et al.); Lockport (Will Co) (2), 29 Jan (CA); Charleston (Coles Co) (2), 6 Dec< (KAM); Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); HL, 5 Dec< (FRH); *Kankakee*, 3 Feb (JBH); BraidwoodL, 14 Feb> (JBH); *Grundy*, 14 Feb> (JBH).

Red-necked Grebe

Bloomington (McLean Co), 4 Dec< (MEF m.ob.).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 90, RendL, 5 Dec< (EWW); 14, BraidwoodL, 23 Feb> (JBH); 13, Chau, 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); 9, LCal, 17 Jan (WJM); 6, CarlL-C, 20 Feb (DMK). **Others:** BaldwinL-R (2), 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Sangamon*, 16 Jan (HDB); *Jasper*, 3 Dec (CLH); HL, 21 Feb (FRH).

American White Pelican

MC: 4,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 227, KLMSNA, 26 Feb> (CDh, PDh); 75, CarthageL (Henderson Co), 19 Feb> (PR); 12, BraidwoodL, 17 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** HL (210), 16 Feb> (KAM); RendL (65), 4 Dec< (EWW, LS, DMn); Grafton (Jersey Co) (50), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (22), 13 Feb> (TJD); Chau (3), 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); MissR (Adams Co), 21 Dec (AGD); *Grundy*, 2 Jan (JAS, UWG, MAM).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 70, CarlL, 13 Feb (KAM); 65, KaskaskiaR (St. Clair Co), 16 Jan (TJD); 58, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 40, Chau, 10 Dec (RGB, SNB); 30, MissR (Adams Co), 21 Dec (AGD); 20, MissR (Rock Island Co), 10 Jan (KJM); 10, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). **Others:** CONWR (42), 22 Jan (KAM); RendL (29), 5 Dec (EWW); HL (27), 28 Jan (KAM); *Monroe* (15), 7 Jan (KAM); ClintonL (10), 10 Dec (MEF); *Richland* (9), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Mercer* (8), 29 Dec (WMZ, MB, m.ob.).

Great Egret

MC: 11, HL, 1 Dec< (FRH). **Others:** Lenzburg (St. Clair Co.), 16 Dec< (TJD).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

ChiR (Cook Co), 19 Dec (MD); Chau, 10 Dec (RGB, SNB); *Sangamon* (imm), 24 Dec & 1 Jan (HDB); HL, 6 Dec & 27 Feb (FRH).

Black Vulture

MC: 47, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS, THy). **Others:** Pomona (2), 17 Feb (KAM); Logan (Franklin Co), 14 Dec (LS); Sam Parr SWA (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (RES, CLH); *Johnson*, 22 Jan (KAM); UCCA, 12 Feb (EWW).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 55, Parkersburg (Richland Co), 4 Jan (CLH); 40, CarlL-C, 20 Feb (DMK); 14 & 12, Spfld, 1 Jan & 23 & 26 Dec resp, w/a few all winter (HDB); 4, Black Hawk SP (Rock Island Co), 18 Feb (SBH); 4, *Kankakee*, 20 Feb (JBH). **Others:** *Massac* (25), 30 Dec (JAS, THy); Sam Parr SWA (Jasper Co) (20), 23 Dec (CLH); *Union* (13), 22 Jan (KAM); *Washington* (12), 17 Feb (KAM); *Randolph* (5), 5 Feb (KAM); *Kendall & Will* (4), 18 Feb (KJ); Ark (3), 27 Dec (JEM, BJS); *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK).

Bald Eagle

MC: 837 (534 ad, 303 imm), IllinoisR between Henry & Havana (fide PF); 217 (128 ad, 88 imm,1 unk), MissR (Rock Island Co), 10 Jan (KJM); 188 (120 ad, 30 imm, 38 unk), MissR (Mercer Co), 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 150, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 17 Dec (ASt); 139 (88 ad,51 imm), AmnBot, 4 Feb (CDh, PDh); 122 (44 ad,78 imm), Chau, 18 Feb (RGB, SNB); 50, CarlL-C, 9 Jan (DMK). **Others:** L&D 18 (Henderson Co) (200), 6 Feb (DJM); QC (105; 65 ad,40 imm), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); MissR (Adams Co) (91; 78 ad,13 imm), 21 Dec (AGD); *Sangamon* (73, 41 ad & 32 imm), 21 Jan (HDB); RockR (Winnebago, Ogle, & Whiteside Cos) (56), 5 Feb (DTW, BCW); *Randolph* (35), 5 Feb (KAM); StarvedRock (30), 9 Jan (CDH); RockR, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (24), 5-6 Feb (DTW, BCW et al.); KaskaskiaR (St. Clair Co) (24 [10 ad,14 imm]), , 16 Jan (TJD); *Fulton* (14; 10 ad, 3 imm, 1 unk), 18 Dec (LLH); RendL-F (10), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); Geneseo (6), 11 Feb (SBH); *LaSalle* (6), 16 Dec (REF); HL (6; 3 ad, 3 imm), 16 Feb (KAM); Nachusa (4; 3 ad, 1 unk), 19 Dec (EWW); LShel-S (3), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); Wilmington (Will Co) (3; ad, 2 imm), 28 Dec (JBH); Danville (Vermilion Co) (3; ad, 2 imm), 19 Dec (BS, JR).

Bald Eagle.
Lock and Dam No. 14.
Rock Island County. 12 February 2011.
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Northern Harrier

MC: 25, Ark, 3 Jan (LS, LBi); 10, *Franklin*, 2 Jan (LS, LBi); 10, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 9, *McDonough & Fulton*, 18 Dec (LLH); 8 (1♂, 2♀, 5 unk), *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.). **Others:** GLPSNA (7), 26 Feb (REF); UCCA (7; 3♂,4♀), 22 Jan (KAM); *St. Clair & Randolph* (5), 22 Jan (MT); HennepinL (Putnam Co) (4), 5 Dec (SDB, et al.); *Knox* (4), 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); PRKWA (4), 19 Feb (TJD); *Morgan* (3; ♂, 2 unk), 15 Jan (KAM); *Sangamon* (3 ♂), 14 Dec (HDB); *Johnson* (3; ♂, 2 unk), 22 Jan (KAM); CarlL (3 ♂s), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); CarlL-C (3), 29 Jan (DMK).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 4, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, *Lee*, 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); 3, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 2, Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (BS, JR); 2, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM). **Others:** *Sangamon* (3 singles), 13, 16 & 31 Dec (HDB); Nachusa (2), 19 Dec (EWW). At least 23 other singles noted statewide.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 17, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 5, Palos (Cook Co.), 19 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); 5, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 4, *McLean*, 12 Feb (RGH, AC); 4, Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 3, QC, 19 Dec (KR, KJM, SBH); 3, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF). One to two birds reported at fifteen other locations statewide.

Northern Goshawk

QC (imm), 19 Dec (*SBH:ph, KJM); *Whiteside* (imm), 27 Dec (*SBH:ph, TH); *Mercer* (imm ♂), 29 Dec (*SBH:ph, KJM, MC); SpringL (Tazewell Co), 13 Feb (KBR); *McLean* (imm), 24-26 Jan (DF:ph, MEF, LA); Saybrook HA (McLean Co) (imm), 29 Jan (AC, RGH, LA). Different bird than previous record.; Whitmore Twp (Macon Co) (ad), 24-25 Jan (RBr, BP); U of I Campus, Champaign (ad), 24 Feb (RK); PRKWA, 8 Jan (TJD).

Red-shouldered Hawk.
Danville, Vermilion County.
2 January 2011.
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Red-tailed Hawk eating a Short-eared Owl.
Northerly Island,
Cook County.
12 January 2011.
Photo by Steve Huggins.

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 15, Johnson, 20 Dec (MML); 7, *Union*, 29 Dec (JAS, BJS); 5, *St. Clair & Randolph*, 22 Jan (MT); 5, RendL, 26 Feb (LS, DMn); 2, *Rock Island*, 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.); 2, Ark, 27 Dec (JEM, BJS). **Others:** Riley Twp (McHenry Co) (ad), 3 Feb (KML); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad), 23 & 27 Jan (JSS & EWW:ph resp); Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (ad), 25-27 Feb (AS, DRD); IBSP (imm), 23 Dec (EWW); Montmorency Twp (Whiteside Co), 23 Jan (DH); Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 1 Jan (JWL); Chi (Norwood Pk), 18 Dec (JWL, MMC); Eggers Grove FP (Cook Co) (imm), 24 Jan (WJM); LTFP (ad), 22 Feb (KJM, RRB); PLNWR (imm), 29 Dec (KJM); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (ad), 5 Feb (DFS); KankakeePks, 23 Dec (JBH); *Tazewell*, 23 Feb (KBR); ClintonL (Mascoutin) SRA, 19 Dec (GSL, RK); Quincy (Adams Co), 25 Jan (PR); *Sangamon* (ad & imm), 4-24 Dec, 1 Jan & 14 Dec, 4 Jan resp (HDB); Scott Twp, along I-72 (Champaign Co) (ad), 18-19 Feb (RBr); U of I Arb, Urbana (Champaign Co) (ad), 19 Feb (GSL); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 4 Feb (CKA); Danville (Vermilion Co) (ad), 2 Jan (BSo:ph).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 57 (1 "Western"), Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 55, *Woodford & McLean*, 7 Jan (MEF); 54 (1 "Harlan's"), *Mercer*, 29 Dec (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 51, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 39, *LaSalle*, 14 Jan (REF et al.); 38, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 38, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 25, Ark, 3 Jan (LS, LBi); 18, *Clinton*, 13 Feb (KAM). **Others:** *Whiteside & Lee* (29), 27 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (27), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (17), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (13), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Madison* (13), 15 Jan (KAM); CarlL-C (12), 23 Dec (DMK); RendL-F (10), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Jackson* (10), 22 Jan (KAM). **Other subspecies/morphs**: **Krider's**: *Woodford*, (2 imm, 1 dark morph), 12 Feb (THr:ph); PRKWA, 22 Jan (MT:ph); *Sangamon*, 6 Dec & 30 Jan (HDB). **Harlan's**: GreeneVal, 20 Dec-22 Feb (JAS); Marietta (Fulton Co) (imm ♀), 16-21 Dee (LLH); *McLean* (imm), 18-31 Dec (MEF:ph); *Sangamon* (imm), 21 Dec & 17 Jan (HDB); HL, 13 Feb (FRH). **Western dark morph**: Normal (McLean Co) (ad), 19-27 Feb (MEF:ph); Cillicothe (Peoria Co), 5-13 Dec (SDB, PAM et al.); Meredosia CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 17 Dec (fide TW); *Sangamon*, 12 Dec (HDB). **Rufous morph**: Gardner (Grundy Co), 28 Dec (REF). **Albino**: Channahon (Will Co) (all white), 9 Jan-26 Feb (UWG, JAS, REF et al.); Sparks Bridge (Woodford Co), 3 Jan (MJA).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 10, *McDonough & Fulton*, 18 Dec (LLH); 10, *Woodford & McLean*, 26 Dec (MEF); 10, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 9, *Kankakee, Will & Grundy*, 26 Jan (REF et al.); 5, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 3, HL, 19 Dec (FRH). **Others:** *Jo Daviess* (4), 5 Feb (CAT, TLK); *LaSalle* (4), 16 Dec (REF); *Rock Island* (3), 2 Jan (WMZ, TM, m.ob.); Quincy (Adams Co) (3), 21 Jan (AGD); *Putnam* (3; 2 dark, 1 light morph), 22 Jan (DTW); Nachusa (2), 19 Dec (EWW); LCal (2 light morphs), 26 Dec & 3 Jan (WJM); IBSP (2), 1 Jan (EWW, m.ob.); *Iroquois* (2; light & dark morphs), 1 Jan (JBH); *Vermilion* (3), 19 Dec (JOS, EJC, MJE, et al.); *Knox* (2), 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); CarlL-C (2 dark morphs), 1 Jan (DMK); *Richland & Wayne* (2), 2 Jan (CLH); Rckfd (2), 10 Jan (DTW).

Golden Eagle

Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (imm), 19 Dec (RES, CLH); *Winnebago & Ogle* (imm), 22 Dec (DTW, BCW); *Peoria* (imm), 10 Dec (TRE); *Iroquois* (imm), 1 Jan (JBH); *Richland* (imm), 4 Feb (CLH, RES); *St. Clair*, 12 Feb (TJD).

American Kestrel

MC: 14, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 12, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 12, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 8, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 8, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 7, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM TDF). **Others:** QC (9), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Whiteside* (7), 27 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); *LaSalle* (7), 16 Dec (REF); *Coles* (5), 6 Dec (KAM);

Merlin. Champaign County. 6 Feburary 2011. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Merlin. Goose Lake Prairie. Grundy County. 28 December 2010. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Quincy (Adams Co.) (5), 28 Feb (AGD); *Montgomery* (4), 15 Jan (KAM); *Pulaski* (4), 22 Jan (KAM); *St. Clair* (4), 14 Feb (KAM); *Jackson* (4), 17 Feb (KAM); *Kankakee* (4), 23 Feb (JBH).

Merlin

MC: 2, CraneL CBC (Cass, Fulton, Morgan & Schuyler Cos), 18 Dec (TW, HDB et al.); Champaign Twp (Champaign Co), 6 Feb (GSL:ph, RK:ph). **Others**: Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (ad), 28 Jan (EWW:ph); *Ogle* ("richardsonii"), 26 Jan (DTW, ASt, BCW); *Whiteside* (ad ♂), 21 Dec (*SBH, KJM); LCal (Bend in the Little CalumetR), 28 Dec (GN:ph et al.); *Mercer*, 29 Dec (*SBH:ph, KJM, MC); GLPSNA (tried repeatedly to steal prey [an Amer. Tree Sparrow] from a ♂ AMKE), 28 Dec (SJH:ph) & 26 Jan (REF et al.); BraidwoodL ("brown bird"), 26 Jan (JBH); KankakeePks (ad ♂), 29 Jan (JBH); *Kankakee* ("brown bird"), 10 Dec (JBH:ph) "feeding on a bird"; CarlL-C, 8 Jan (DMK); *Union*, 29 Dec (JAS, BJS).

[GYRFALCON

PowertonL (Tazewell Co), 21 Dec & 16 Jan].

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2, Chi (No. Ave. Beach), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW, et al.); 2, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 13 Dec (KJM); 2, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 15 Feb (KAM). **Others:** Rckfd (ad), 25 Dec (JL); FoxR, Batavia (Kane Co) (ad), 25 Dec (R&MM:ph); MissR (Adams Co), 10,17-18 Dec (AGD); *Kankakee* (imm), 18 - 31 Dec (JBH:ph); QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH); Peoria L&D (Peoria Co), 5 Feb (KBR); Gridley (McLean Co) (ad), 22 Dec (BM:ph); Normal (McLean Co) (ad eating ROPI), 16 Feb (RGH); Spfld (imm), 4-26 Dec & 6-30 Jan (HDB); Champaign (ad roosting on usual campus building ledge), 7 Dec-25 Feb (GSL, RK); HL, 21 Dec (FRH); *Jasper*, 23 Dec (CLH); LCal, 26 Dec -15 Jan (WJM).

American Coot

MC: 117, *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 80, Chau, 3 Dec (RGB, SNB); 62, ClintonL, 3 Dec (MEF); 53, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 43, WinthropH, 4 Dec (JSS); 34, LCal, 17 Jan (WJM); 20, CarlL-C, 27 Feb (DMK); 16, BaldwinL, 5 Feb (KAM). **Others:** CharlestonL (Coles Co) (25), 6 Dec (KAM); Ark (12), 22 Jan (KAM); *McLean* (5), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); LShel-S (5), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); Lemont Quarry (Cook Co) (2), all winter (JAS).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 208, *Kankakee*, 6 Dec<, but 2 there 26 Dec (JBH); 85, *Wabash & Edwards*, 27 Feb> (RES); 80, Charleston (Coles Co), 27 Feb> (CLH, SAS); 75, *Du Page*, 26 Feb> (JAS, PAM); 55, Rckfd, 7 Dec< (DTW,); 40, PrRdg-J, 23 Feb> (CLH). **Others:** WhalonL (8), 7 Dec< (MAM, JAS); Urbana (Champaign Co) (15), 5 Dec< (GSL); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (7), 13 Feb> (TJD); *Richland* (3), 27 Feb> (CLH); Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (returning nesting pair), 19-20 Feb> & (8 migrants), 16 Feb> (BSo); ConnerL (2), 26 Feb> (CDh, PDh). Most if not all records attributable to late fall (early Dec) & early spring (late Feb) migrants.

WHOOPING CRANE

Chi (Chicago State University), 18 Feb> (WG).

Killdeer

MC: 67, ClintonL, 3 Dec< (MEF); 40, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 26, RendL, 4 Dec< (EWW, LS, DMn); 9, *Kankakee*, 21 Feb> (JBH); 4, Geneseo, 11 Feb> (SBH); 2, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others:** *Jasper & Richland* (5), 16 Feb> (CLH); *Monroe* (4), 7 Jan (KAM); *White* (3), 29 Dec (RES); Pomona (3), 17 Feb (KAM); Chau (3), 18 Feb> (RGB, SNB); HL (2), 16 Feb> (KAM); *Washington* (2), 17 Feb> (KAM); UCCA (2), 17 Feb (KAM); *Carroll*, 21 Dec (EA, RN); Checkrow (Fulton Co), 21 Dec (LLH); *Sangamon*, 19 Dec (HDB); LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 15 Feb> (TJD); WhalonL, 17 Feb> (JAS); *McLean*, 20 Feb> (KAM). Mid-Feb records can be attributable to early spring migrants.

American Avocet

RendL (3), **4 Dec**< (EWW:ph, LS, DMn).

Greater Yellowlegs

CarlL-C, **20 Feb**> (DMK).

Least Sandpiper

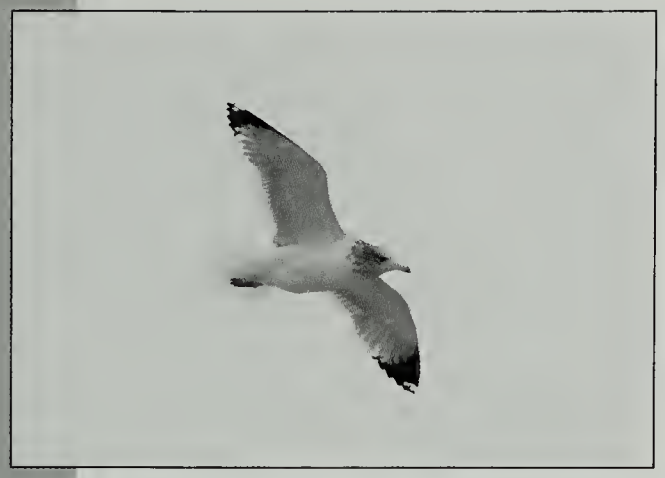
RendL (2), 4 Dec< (EWW, LS, DMn).

Pectoral Sandpiper

Lacon (Marshall Co), 5 Dec< (MAM, JAS, PAM).

Dunlin

RendL (2), 4 Dec< (EWW:ph, LS, DMn).



California Gull. Northerly Island, Chicago, Cook County. 6 January 2011. Photo by Josh Engel.

Thayer's Gull. Chicago. Cook County. 30 December 2010. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 30, ClintonL, 3 Dec (MEF); 14, RendL, 4 Dec (EWW, LS, DMn); 12, *Madison*, 3 Jan (FRH); 9, Chau, 17 Dec (RGB, SNB); 3, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 9 Jan (DTW); 2, Lacon (Marshall Co), 6 Dec & 6 Feb (MAM, PAM & PR, DJM resp). **Others:** MissR (Adams Co) (3), 10 Dec (AGD); Macomb (McDonough Co) (2), 28 Jan (LLH); Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co), 13 & 16 Jan (GG & LP et al.); *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC); *White*, 29 Dec (CLH, RES); *Rock Island*, 30 Dec (KJM, MB); KCP, 19 Dec (MJE, VB); *Lawrence*, 20 Feb (CLH); SantaFe, 21 Feb (DMK).

American Woodcock

MC: 8, CarlL-C, 20, 26 Feb> (DMK); 4, *Edwards*, 20 Feb> (RES); 4, MRB, 21 Feb> (CDh, PDh). **Others:** Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co), 17 Feb> (RDD); New Columbia (Massac Co) (several peenting), 18 Feb> (FKB); PRKWA (2), 19 Feb> (TJD); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (2), 27 Feb> (KAM); HL, 28 Feb> (FRH).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 400, CarlL-C, 5 Dec< (DMK); 167, ClintonL, 3 Dec< (MEF). **Others:** BaldwinL (24), 22 Jan (MT); JakeWolf (12), 3 Dec< (RGB, SNB); EForkL (10), 2 Jan (CLH); Grayville (White Co) (8), 5 Jan (CLH); *Sangamon* (5), 16 Dec< (HDB).

LITTLE GULL

CharlestonL (Coles Co) (ad), 5 Dec (JS).

MEW GULL

HL (ad), 5-6 Feb (*FRH, WMR).

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 20,000, CarlL-C, 26-27 Feb (DMK); 3,000, MissR (Adams Co), 17 Dec (AGD); 3,000, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 2,205, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 1,456, JakeWolf, 3 Dec (RGB, SNB); 182, MissR (Rock Island Co), 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.). **Others:** MissR (Madison Co) (2,000), 18 Dec (DMK); HL (1,600), 16 Feb (KAM); ClintonL (1,366), 3 Dec (MEF); Chi (Montrose to MonroeH) (831), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW, et al.); LShel-S (800), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); KLMSNA (619), 16 Feb (CDh, PDh); CONWR (500), 22 Jan (KAM); Spfld (500), 10 Feb (KAM); MissR (Randolph Co) (200), 5 Feb (KAM).

California Gull

IBSP (ad), 30 Dec (EWW); Chi (NorthterlyI & MonroeH) (ad), 6 & 12 Jan (JIE:ph, JDW, & DFS resp).

American Herring Gull

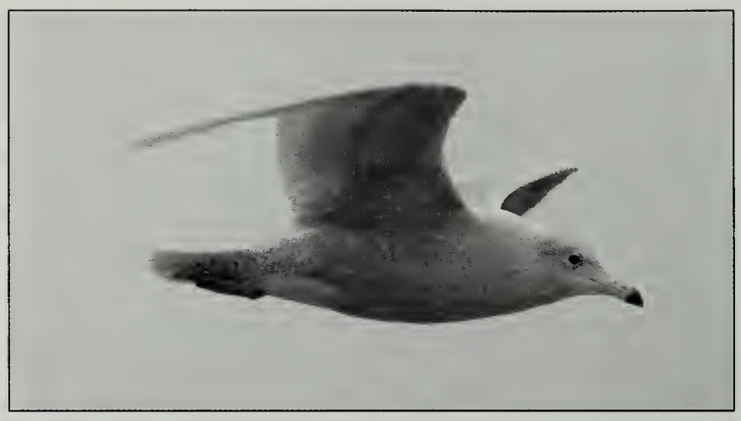
MC: 2,400, LCal, 15 Jan (WJM); 1,850, WinthropH, 6 Dec (EWW); 1,000, RendL-F, 16 Jan (DMK); 600, CarlL-C, 13 Feb (DMK); 1,000, StarvedRock, 5 Feb (MJW); 25, MissR (Mercer Co), 9 Jan (KJM); 7, JakeWolf, 3 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** Chi (Montrose to MonroeH) (1,653), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW, et al.); MissR (Rock Island Co) (193), 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.); Spfld (150), 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); MissR (Madison Co) (120), 18 Dec (DMK); PRKWA (90), 16 Dec (TJD); LShel-S (6), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); RockR (Lee Co) (5), 27 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.). **Other forms/hybrids:** CarlL-C (3rd ; "hybrid with Glaucous-winged Gull"), 14,16 Dec (DMK:ph, WMR); StarvedRock ("Nelson's"), 22 Jan (DTW); CarlL-C (ad; "hybrid with Glaucous-winged Gull"), 3 Feb (DMK:ph).

Thayer's Gull

MC: 4 (3 ad,1 1st), CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK); 4, Chi (ad @ Navy Pier & 2 ad & 3rd & MonroeH), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW et al.); 3(ad), WinthropH, 19 Feb (KAM); 3, (1st, 15-18 Dec) & (2 ad, 25 Dec), LSpfld (HDB); StarvedRock (3 ad), 5 Feb (MJW). **Others:** Chi (Grant Pk) (2 [ad & 1st] & 2 [ad]), 6 & 22 Dec resp (DFS); LCal (2 [ad, 1st]), 14 Jan (WJM); MissR (Adams Co), 18 Dec (AGD); MissR (Madison Co) (ad), 18 Dec (DMK); RendL-F(ad) , 16 Jan (DMK); KaskaskiaR (St. Clair Co), 4 Feb (TJD); GreeneVal (ad), 21-22 Feb (MAM).

Iceland Gull

MC: 3 (ad, 2 unk), WinthropH, 19 Feb (KAM). **Others:** Elgin (Kane Co) (ad), 23 Feb (EES, PAM); Chi (Grant Pk) (ad "Kumlien's"), 6 Dec (DFS); Chi (MonroeH) (2 - 1st "Kumlien's"), 14 Jan (DFS);



Glaucous Gull. Northerly Island, Chicago, Cook County. 12 January 2011. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Slaty-backed Gull. Calumet Park. Cook County. 30 December 2011. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

LCal (ad "Kumlien's"), 14-22 Jan (WJM); LSpfld (ad "Kumlien's"), 21-22 Dec (HDB:ph); StarvedRock (ad "Kumlien's"), 22 Jan (DTW) & (ad & 3rd& u,), 5 Feb (MJW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 4 (2ad, 1 1st, 1 2nd), WinthropH, 15 Jan (EWW); 4, StarvedRock, 6 Feb (MJW, DJS); 3 (2 ad,1 2nd), CarlL-C, 9 Jan (DMK); 3 (ad, 1st, 3rd), Chi (NorthcrlyI, 5 Jan (DFS); 3 (2 ad,1 1st), LCal, 22 Jan (WJM, SBB); 2 (ad, 1st), MissR (Madison Co), 18 Dec (DMK). **Others:** Chi (MonroeH) (4 ad), 14 Jan (JWL, MA); *Sangamon* (2 ad), 19 Dec (HDB); ClintonL, 3 Dec (MEF:ph); MissR (Rock Island Co) (ad), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH); RendL-F (ad), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); LShel-S (ad), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (1st), 15 & 17 Jan (DMK); PRKWA (ad.) , 17 Jan (TJD); Lacon (Marshall Co), 26 Feb (MAM).

SLATY-BACKED GULL

Chi (ad), 30 Dec (*WJM:ph, AAA:ph, MSl:ph, m.ob.).

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

WinthropH (1st), 29 Jan (GN:ph, EWW:ph, KAM, PWS, AFS, et al.).

Glaucous Gull

MC: 2 (ad, 1st), WinthropH, 19 Feb (KAM); 2 (1st), Northwestern Lakefill, Evanston (Cook Co), 6 Feb (JlE); 2 (ad, 2nd), LCal, 4 & 22 Jan (WJM). **Others:** Chi (MonroeH) (ad), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW et al.); MissR (Rock Island Co), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); StarvedRock, 26 Jan (DLT); Quincy (Adams Co), 1 Jan (PR, ARn); LSpfld (2nd), 18 Dec (HDB); MissR (Madison Co) (1st), 2-15 Jan (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (ad), 12-13 Feb (DMK:ph).

Black-legged Kittiwake. Montrose. Cook County. 7 February 2011. Photos by Steve Spitzer.

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: 7 (3 ad, 4 1st), Chi, 28 Feb (WJM). **Others:** WinthropH (1st), 17 Dec & 15 Jan (EWW); RendL-F (1st), 22 Dec (CLH, DMK, MSS); MissR (Whiteside Co), 12 Jan (KJM); CarlL-C (1st), 3-13 Feb (DMK:ph, KAM).

Black-legged Kittiwake

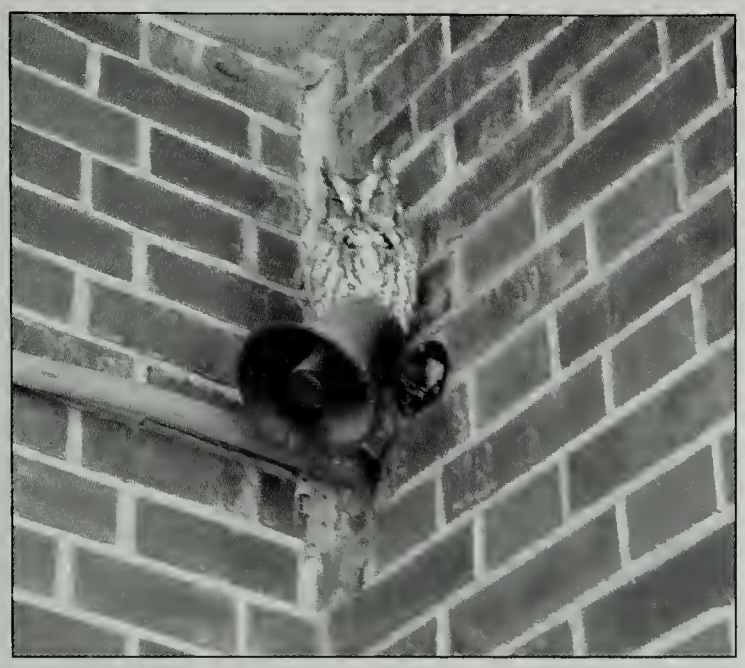
Chi (Calumet Pk) (1st) & Chi (MonroeH) (1st) & Chi (MontroseH) (1st), 15 20 & 22 Jan-7 Feb (EG et al. & fide MMC & RDH, JWL, MF:ph et al. resp).

Forster's Tern

10, RendL, 4 Dec< (EWW:ph, LS, DMn).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 2, 362, Peoria, 18 Dec (fide TRE, m.ob.); 1,108, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 895, *Lee & Whiteside*, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); 742, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 450, *Kankakee*, 31 Dec (JBH); 367, Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 210, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 200, CarlL-C, 11 Dec (DMK). **Others:** Summit (Cook Co) (300), 19 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (130), 13 Dec (KJM); *Whiteside & Carroll* (124), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.).



Eastern Screech-Owl
at Material Research Lab building.
Champaign County. 9 December 2010.
Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Snowy Owl (digiscoped photo from road
without use of mice/baiting).
Ogle County. 13 February 2011.
Photo by Steven D. Bailey.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 70, BraidwoodL, 12 Jan (JBH); 45, Erie (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (EWW); 20, *Sangamon*, 30 Jan (HDB); 18, *Edwards*, 5 Jan (RES); 8, CarlL-C, 26 Feb (DMK); 3, New Boston (Mercer Co), 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC); 2, *Douglas*, 4 Dec (KAM). **Others:** Stavanger (La Salle Co) (34), 22 Jan (DTW); Holcomb (Ogle Co) (22), 10 Jan (DTW); *Whiteside* (10), 27 Dec (SBH, TH); Geneseo (7), 11 Feb (SBH); Bloomington (McLean Co) (4), 30 Dec (MJW); WildwoodL (Marshall Co) (3), 5 Dec (EWW); Thomson (Carroll Co) (2), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); Cordova (Rock Island Co) (2), 27 Feb (UWG et al.); Henning (Vermilion Co) (2), 19 Dec (EJC, HP); *Monroe* (2), 7 Jan (KAM); *St. Clair* (2), 5 Feb (KAM); Keithsburg (Mercer Co), 9 Jan (KJM).

Mourning Dove

MC: 542, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 329, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 216, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 200, CarlL-C, 26 Feb (DMK); 191, *Whiteside & Lee*, 27 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 164, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB); 120, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 30, *Randolph*, 5 Feb (KAM). **Others:** QC (91), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (84), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (77), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Kankakee (74), 26 Dec (JBH); *Richland* (61), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Rock Island* (54), 2 Jan (WMZ, TM, m.ob.).

Monk Parakeet

MC: **113**, LCal, 26 Dec (WJM, m.ob.). **Other:** Crestwood (Cook Co) (12), 10 Jan (WSS).

Barn Owl

3 (imm), *Franklin*, 6 Dec (RES, CLH); KLMSNA, 7 Feb (*CDh, PDh, MSS); Ark (Galum Unit), 27 Dec (JAS, THy).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 12, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 10, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 9, *Lake*, 1 Jan (EWW); 5, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 4, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB); 3, CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK). **Others:** *Rock Island* (6), 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (5), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Nachusa (2), 19 Dec (EWW); Cordova (Rock Island Co) (2), 22 Dec (KJM, LB); Kankakee (2), 26 Dec (JBH). Reported as singles in many places statewide.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 37, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 17, *Lee & Whiteside*, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); 8, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.). **Others:** Geneseo (7), 11 Feb (SBH); IBSP (6; 3 prs), 13 Dec-1 Jan (EWW); *Carroll & Whiteside* (6), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Spfld (4), 26 Dec (fide HDB); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (4), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

Snowy Owl

Carroll & Ogle, 25 Jan-15 Feb (DTW, PCn, BCW, SDB, KAM:ph, m.ob:ph). This bird was being baited repeatedly with mice for photos during most of its stay.; Urbana, 28 Dec (RDD).

Barred Owl

MC: 26, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 14, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 10, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 7, RendL, 24 Jan (LS, LBi); 6, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 6, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB); 3, HennepinL (Putnam Co), 5 Dec (SDB, et al.); 3, *Hamilton*, 22 Jan (KAM); 2, *Warren*, 10 Dec (LLH). **Others:** *Rock Island & Whiteside* (5), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Richland* (5), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); GreenR (3), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (pr), thru winter (SDB, et al.); Lowden SP (Ogle Co) (pr), 18 Dec (EWW); Geneseo (2), 11 Feb (SBH); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co), 3 Jan (MBn); Busey Wds Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co), 19 Feb (fide EJC:ph).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 3, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 3, *Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM). **Others**: Fermi (2), 27 Dec (BT:ph); BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JBH); *Woodford*, 4-30 Jan (MEF); Geneseo, 11 Feb (SBH); KCP, 19 Dec (MJE, VB); *Franklin*, 11 Feb (EWW); CarlL (2), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); CarlL-F, 13-20 Feb (KAM, DMK).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 80, Ark, 27 Dec (JAS, THy); 6, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 6, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 18 Feb (DMK); 5, Chi (NorthcrlyI), 5 Jan-23 Feb (DFS et al.); 3, HennepinL (Putnam Co), 5 Dec (SDB, EWW, DBJ, m.ob.); 3, ClintonL, 19 Dec (GSL, RK). **Others:** PrRdg-J (5), all winter (CLH); PRKWA (3), 20 Jan-19 Feb (TJD); *Richland & Wayne* (3), 4 Feb (CLH); Chi (MontroseH) (2), 18 Feb (JWL); CarlL-C (2), 14 Dec (DMK); WinthropH, 18 Feb (EWW); IBSP, 1 Jan (BS, EWW, m.ob.); Big Bend CA (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (EWW); GLPSNA, 26 Feb (REF); *Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); *Edwards*, 24 Dec-5 Feb (RES); HL, 17 Jan (FRH); KLMSNA, 7 Feb (CDh, PDh). **Note:** Chi (Northerlyl) (one predated by RTHA), 12 Jan (SJH:ph, JWL).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: **6**, CONWR, 3 Jan (LS, LBi); **4** (banded), Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co), 2 Dec (SG, LJ, JL); 2, *Hamilton*, 29 Dec (LS, LBi). **Others:** Chi (Grant Pk), 22-23 Dec (DFS et al.); *Woodford*, 4 Jan-23 Feb (MEF); SpringL (Tazewell Co), 19 Feb (KBR); KCP, 19 Dec (MJE, VB); ParadiseL (Coles Co), 17 Jan (RB:ph); RendL, 24 Jan (LS, LBi).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD

Chillicothe (Peoria Co) (imm ♂), 1-13 Dec (AHs:ph, JHs, *VMK, SDB, KAM:ph, m.ob.:ph). 1st state record.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

Oakland (Coles Co) (ad ♂), 1-8 Dec< (JC, VMK, SDB, KAM, DMK:ph, m.ob.:ph).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 8, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 5, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, KR); 3, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Carroll* (3), 21 Dec (EA, RN); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (3), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Danville (Vermilion Co) (3), 19 Dec (BS, JR).

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 70, *Johnson*, 20 Dec (MML); 53, *Knox*, 14 Dec (DJM, m.ob.); 38, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 13, UCCA, 22 Jan (KAM); 8, Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (BS, JR); 6, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 6 (ad), Merwin Preserve (McLean Co), 22 Jan (LA); 5, *McDonough & Fulton*, 18 Dec (LLH). **Others:** Camp Hauberg (Rock Island Co) (5; 4 ad., imm), 22 Dec (KJM, LB); Geneseo (5), 11 Feb (SBH); Spfld (5), 26 Dec (fide HDB); QC (4; ad, 3 unk), 19 Dec (TM, CZ, DZ, m.ob.); *Richland* (4), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Carroll* (3), 21 Dec (CZ, EA, RN); Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (2), 13 Jan (GG).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 96, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 71, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 64, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 62, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 44, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 12, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM). **Others:** *Carroll & Whiteside* (41), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Lee* (31), 27 Dec (SBH, TH, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (29), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Vermilion* (16), 19 Dec (SDB); LShel-S (10), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Iroquois* (10), 1 Jan (JBH); KankakeeR SP (10), 17 Jan (JBH).

Northern Saw-whet Owl.
Paradise Lake, Mattoon.
Coles County. 17 January 2011.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

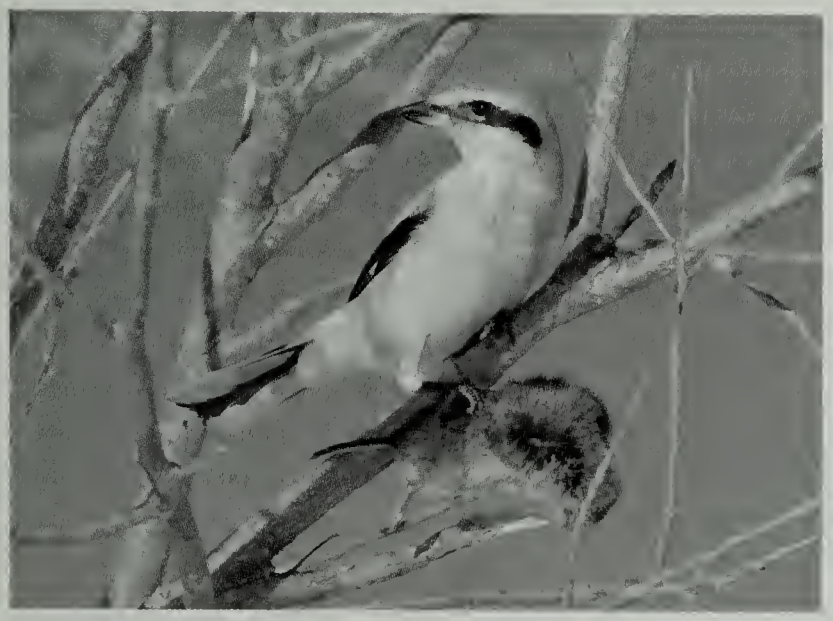
Pileated Woodpecker.
Morton Arboretum.
DuPage County. 9 Feburary 2011.
Photo by Jean Spitzer.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 7, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 5, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 19 Dec (CLH); 4, Rckfd, 22 Dec (DTW); 4, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 4, UCCA, 22 Jan (KAM); 3, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB). **Others:** *Johnson* (3), 22 Jan (KAM); KankakeePks (2; ad ♂, imm ♀), 19 & 26 Dec (JBH); LTFP (2), 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (2), 18 Dee (SDB, GSL, RK); Chi (Grant Pk) (♀), 21-24 Dec (DFS et al.); Mount Carroll (Carroll Co), 18 Dec (EWW); QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH); *Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); *Knox*, 14 Dec (fide DJM); *Jasper*, 23 Dec (CLH); LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); Andalusia Sl (Rock Island Co), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); *Mercer*, 9 Jan (KJM); RendL, 21 Jan (KAM); HL, 29 Jan (FRH).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 74, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 69, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 61, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 59, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 32, CarlL, 14 Dec



Northern Shrike with vole. Northerly Island, Cook County. above, 5 February 2011. Photos by Steve Huggins.

(SDB, PAM, TDF); 10, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Carroll & Whiteside* (47), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (45), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (28), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 31, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 25, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 21, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 19, *Rock Island & Whiteside*, 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 15, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 6, PLNWR, 9 Jan (KJM). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (11), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); QC (8), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.).

Northern Flicker

MC: 52, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 19, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 18, *Lee & Whiteside*, 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); 14, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 13, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 13, *Rock Island & Whiteside*, 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 10, CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK); 8, ClintonL, 3 Dec (MEF). **Others:** *Rock Island* (10), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); *Kankakee* (7), 31 Jan (JBH); *Vermilion* (7), 19 Dec (SDB); QC (6), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); LShel-S (6), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); RendL (5), 21 Jan (KAM).

Pileated Woodpecker

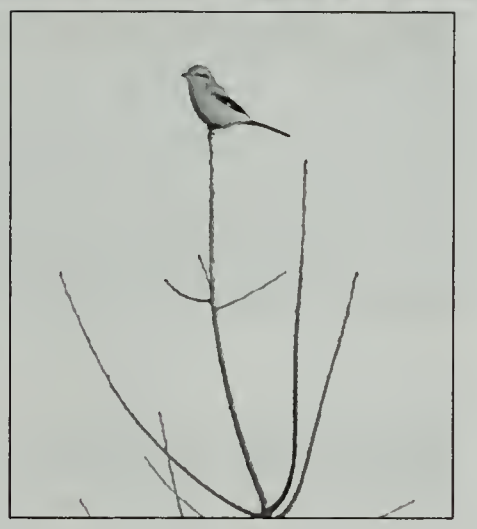
MC: 20, *Johnson*, 20 Dec (MML); 18, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, JOS, m.ob); 9, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 9, Andalusia Sl (Rock Island Co), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); 7, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 5, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (EA, RN). **Other**: MArb (♂, drumming), 22 Feb (MAM); Cherry Hill Wds FP (Cook Co), 28 Dec (SJH); Busey Wds Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co), 19 Feb (fide EJC); CarlL (2), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF).

Eastern Phoebe

EForkL, 3 Feb (CLH); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 22 Feb (TJD).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 3, *Edwards*, 3 Jan (RES); 2, Ark, 27 Dec (JEM, BJS). **Other**: PRKWA, 22 Jan-19 Feb (MT, TJD).



Northern Shrike. Aurora West Forest Preserve. Kane County. 3 January 2011. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Northern Shrike

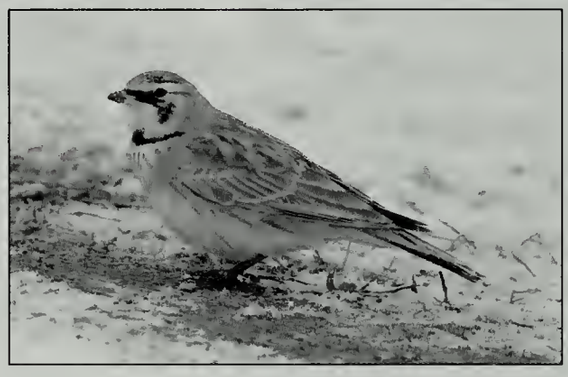
MC: 2, Barrington & Crabtree NC (Cook Co), 24 Feb (CF); 2, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 19-24 Dec (JR, et al.); 2, GreeneVal, 20 Feb (JAS). **Others:** Ayers Sand Prairie NP (Carroll Co), 3 Jan (ASt); Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 10 Dec (SCr, DCr); Anna Page Pk (Winnebago Co), 18 Dec-14 Jan (BCW, BGr); Spring Twp (Boone Co), 15 & 16 Jan (SJH & KML resp); COLSP, 15 Jan (BJS); Grant Wds (No.) FP (Lake Co), 2 Jan (BJS); McDonald Wds FP (Lake Co), 16 Jan (BJS); WinthropH, 4 Dec - 26 Feb (JSS, JWL et al.); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 4 Dec-6 Jan (JSS, JWL); IBSP (ad), 1 Dec-15 Jan (EWW); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 4 Dec (AS); MidSav, 5 Dec-21 Feb (MMC,MFk, BJS); Shannon Twp (Carroll Co), 12 Feb (DFS); Mt. Morris Twp (Ogle Co), 22 Jan (ASt); *Whiteside*, 22 Dec (EA, RN); GreenR, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); Nachusa, 8 Jan (JAS, APS, MAM); Montmorency Twp (Whiteside Co), 20-21 Jan (DH); Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 25 Dec – 8 Jan (DB, BA:ph, MBn:ph et al.:ph); Chi (NorthterlyI), 31 Dec - 27 Feb (PWM, SJC, DFS m.ob.). Including much singing on 14 Jan & 5 Feb (SBB & SJH resp); LCal, 22 Jan-26 Feb (WJM); Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 26 Feb (REF); Geneseo, 11 Jan (SBH); GLPSNA, 21-26 Feb (JAS, DJS); Keithsburg (Mercer Co), 9 Jan (KJM); *Woodford* (ad), 31 Dec (MEF); Heron CP (Vermilion Co), 1-19 Dec (BSo:ph, JR:ph); LShel-M, 27 Dec (DMK:ph, MSS).

Blue Jay

MC: 176, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 143, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 136, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 109, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 71, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 40, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 39, *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 30, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 21, *Jefferson*, 21 Jan (KAM). **Others:** Palos (Cook Co) (122), 19 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (122), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (87), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); QC (67), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Iroquois* (29), 1 Jan (JBH); Geneseo (25), 11 Feb (SBH); ClintonL (21), 7 Jan (MEF); *McLean* (20), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); *Vermilion* (19), 19 Dec (SDB); Nachusa (15), 19 Dec (EWW); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (15), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK).

Black-capped Chickadee with crossed bill. Montrose Point, Chicago. Cook County. 18 December 2010. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

White-breasted Nuthatch. River Bend Forest Preserve. Mahomet. Champaign County. 6 February 2011. Photo by Rob Kanter.



Horned Lark. Champaign County. 6 February 2011. Photo by Rob Kanter.

American Crow

MC: 162,000 (longtime roost), Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (MJE, VB, SDB, et al.); 1,332, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 710, *Lee & Whiteside*, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); 357, QC, 19 Dec (TM, CZ, DZ, m.ob.); 250, HL, 16 Feb (KAM); 204, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 150, *Iroquois*, 1 Jan (JBH); 148, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 115, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 75, *Fayette*, 4 Dec (KAM). **Others:** Chi (Montrose to MonroeH), 25 Dec (GAW, CLW et al.); Utica (La Salle Co) (300), 23 Jan (DTW); Freeport (Stephenson Co) (180), 27 Jan (DTW); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (153), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (121), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Kankakee* (110), 30 Dec (JBH); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (100), 6 Dec (KAM); *Knox* (65), 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Douglas* (40), 4 Dec (KAM); Geneseo (37), 11 Feb (SBH); *Richland* (28), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *McLean* (12), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); RendL-F (12), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); LShel-S (12), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Horned Lark

MC: 600, CarlL-C, 23 Jan & 6 Feb (DMK); 400, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 400, *Randolph*, 5 Feb (KAM); 323, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 200, Ashton Twp (Lee Co), 5 Feb (DBJ); 155, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 150, Geneseo, 10 Dec (SBH). **Others:** *Jackson* (215), 22 Jan (KAM); ClintonL (180), 21 Jan (MEF); *Union* (145), 22 Jan (KAM); *Lee & Whiteside* (134), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); *Johnson* (125), 22 Jan (KAM); *Kankakee* (102), 5 Feb (JBH); *Boone* (90), 29 Jan (KAM); *Montgomery* (80), 9 Feb (KAM); *Vermilion* (66), 19 Dec (SDB); *Grundy* (64), 16 Dec (JBH); RendL (60), 21 Jan (KAM).

Carolina Chickadee

66, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, MML, m.ob.); 48, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 12, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 209, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 178, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 153, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 106, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 18, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Carroll & Whiteside* (157), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (107), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (94), 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); Geneseo (33), 11 Feb (SBH); Zion (Lake Co) (30), 1 Jan (EWW); *McLean* (25), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); *Knox* (19), 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Woodford* (13), 23 Jan (MEF); Chi (backyard feeder bird w/crossed bill), 17 Dec (SGS:ph).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 75, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 73, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 44, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 39, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 23, *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 22, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 17, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB); 13, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 10, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM). **Others:** Geneseo (10), 11 Feb (SBH); *Lee* (7), 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); Kankakee, 25-26 Dec (JBH); WinthropH, 15 Jan (EWW); Chi, 23 Feb (JIN).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 25, SRSF, 2-3 Jan (KBR); 6, Stephen A. Forbes SWA (Marion Co), 21 Feb (CLH); 4, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 3, GreenR, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); 3, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB). Observed in substantially reduced numbers this season but 1-2 birds reported from many other statewide locations.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 108, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 83, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 78, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 59, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 46, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 15, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB); 10, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** QC (73), 19 Dee (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (34), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (30), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); Geneseo (27), 11 Feb (SBH); Palos (Cook Co) (23), 19 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); *McLean* (15), 18 Dec (MJW, THr).

Brown Creeper

MC: 26, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 14, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 11, *Rock Island*, 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.); 8, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC); 7, PLNWR, 9 Jan (KJM). **Others:** QC (9), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Spfld (4), 26 Dec (fide HDB).

Varied Thrush. DeKalb County. 15 January 2011. Photo, left, by Urs Geisler and photo at right by Nathan Goldberg.

Carolina Wren

MC: 39, e. Massac, 30 Dec (JAS); 33, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 19, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 6, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 6, ClintonL, 21 Jan (MEF); 5, QC, 19 Dec (TM, CZ, DZ, m.ob.); 5, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 5, Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (MML); 5, Danville (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (BS, JR); 3, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 3, *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 2, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.). **Others:** Palos (Cook Co), 19 Dec (WJM, CDH); Oregon (Ogle Co), 19 Dec-5 Feb (DTW); *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); Keithsburg (Mercer Co.), 9 Jan (KJM). This species was considerably less abundant and less widely distributed throughout Illinois, including the southern section of the state.

Albino American Robin. Oak Park. Cook County. 24 December 2011. Photo by Jette Castro.

Winter Wren

MC: 5, Meredosia CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 17 Dec (fide TW); 2, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 19 Dec (CLH); 2, *Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Rckfd, 22 Dec (DTW); 2, PLNWR, 29 Dec (KJM). **Others:** Batavia Quarry (Kane Co), 6 Jan (BA:ph); Camp Hauberg (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, LB); GreenR, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); QC, 12 Feb (KJM); Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 59, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 13, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, CZ); 12, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 9, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB). **Others:** Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (6), 13 Jan (BJS); *Vermilion* (5), 19 Dec (SDB, et al.). Fewer birds than usual were reported this winter.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Spfld (2 locations), 2 & 31 Jan (HDB); *Carroll*, 21 Dec (*KJM, SBH); LowdMil, 19 Dec (fide EWW); Oswego (Kendall Co) (@ suet feeder), 15 Jan (MRs); BraidwoodL, 5&8 Dec (JBH); HL, 17 Jan (FRH); ClintonL, 19 Dec (GSL:ph, RK).

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 74, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 42, *Richland*, 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); 40, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 35, *McDonough & Fulton*, 18 Dec (LLH); 33, *Ogle*, 19 Dec (EWW et al.); 32, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, Cordova (Roek Island Co), 27 Feb (UWG et al.); 16, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM); 15, CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK). **Others:** Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co) (21), 19 Dee (JOS, CCC); *Iroquois* (12), 1 Jan (JBH); Geneseo (12), 11 Feb (SBH); *Sangamon* (13), 24 Dec (HDB); Rckfd (11), 18 Dec (DTW); QC (9), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, KR); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) (8), 20 Jan (JCa).

Hermit Thrush

MC: 7, CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK); 6, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 19 Dec (CLH); 5, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Chi (Grant Pk), 23 Dec (DFS); 4, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC); 3, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 3, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (EJC, BS, MML); 2, Palos (Cook Co), 19 Dec (WJM, CDH); 2, Kankakee, 26 Dec (JBH); 2, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others:** KArb, 19 Jan (ASt); BeverlyL FP (Cook Co), 20 Dec (ABA); Miller-Anderson Wds SNA (Putnam Co), 11 Dec (EWW); *Knox*, 14 Dec (MJB); U of I Forestry, Urbana (Champaign Co) (2), 12 Dec (GSL); LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Richland*, 2 Jan (CLH); ClintonL, 21 Jan (MEF).

American Robin

MC: 3,367, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 3,172, Palos (Cook Co), 19 Dec (WJM, WSS, m.ob.); 2,500, Ark, 22 Jan (KAM); 1,249, ClintonL, 7 Jan (MEF); 507, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 440, *Kankakee*, 31 Dec (JBH); 208, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 200, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Winnebago & Ogle* (500), 12 Feb (DTW); *Lee & Whiteside* (450), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (400), 27 Jan (LLH); Champaign (400), 27 Jan (DLT); KankakeeR SP (350), 6 Jan (JBH); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (331), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Augustana College (Rock Island Co) (300), 29 Jan (SBH); *St. Clair* (158), 28 Feb (KAM); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (139), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Richland* (132), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *Union* (130), 22 Jan (KAM); *Mercer* (125), 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); IBSP (110), 30 Dec (EWW); Les Arends FP (Kane Co) (110), 22 Jan (ABA); KArb (100), 8 Jan (DTW); Oregon (Ogle Co) (100, feeding on hackberries), 5 Feb (DTW); *Rock Island* (83), 2 Jan (WMZ, TM, m.ob.); Yorkville (Kendall Co) (75), 2 Jan (DJS); Granville (Putnam Co) (75), 23 Jan (DTW); *Alexander* (75), 17 Feb (KAM); *Jackson* (70), 22 Jan (KAM); Big Bend CA (Whiteside Co) (68), 18 Dec (EWW); Chi (Grant Pk) (58), 6 Dec (DFS); *Vermilion* (49), 19 Dec (SDB); *Cass* (40), 15 Jan (KAM); *Mason* (35), 16 Jan (KAM); Nachusa (31), 19 Dec (EWW); COLSP (26), 8 Jan (EWW). **Note**: Oak Park (Cook Co) (mostly albino bird), 23-24 Dec (JCo:ph).

Varied Thrush

DeKalb (DeKalb Co) (♂), 13-15 Jan (DTW, KML, m.ob.:ph).

Gray Catbird

Sangamon, 1 Dec (HDB); *Richland*, 18 Dec- 4 Jan (CLH).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 3, *McDonough & Fulton*, 18 Dec (LLH); 3, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB); 3, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others**: *Richland* (2), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (2), 12 Jan (KAM); *Pulaski* (2), 22 Jan (KAM); CONWR (2), 22 Jan (KAM); *Whiteside*, 22 Dec (EA, RN).

Brown Thrasher

MC: 3 singles, Spfld, between 2 Dec & 18 Jan (HDB); 2, Sam Parr SWA (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (CLH). **Others:** Northbrook (Cook Co), 20-24 Dec (CS); ClintonL, 19 Dec (GSL, RK); Meredosia CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 17 Dec (fide TW); *Richland*, 18 Dec (CLH); RendL-F, 22 Dec-16 Jan (DMK, MSS); UCCA, 22 Jan (KAM); PRKWA, 12 Feb (TJD).

European Starling

MC: 6,000, CarlL-C, 15 Jan (DMK); 5,432, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 3,000, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 2,600, Flossmor (Cook Co), 3 Dec (EWW); 1,300 (at farm lot), *Ogle*, 19 Dec (EWW); 1,166, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 982, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 963, Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 948, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 800, Kankakee, 26 Dec (JBH). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (855), 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (850), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); Geneseo (630), 11 Feb (SBH); ClintonL (611), 7 Jan (MEF); LShel-S (400), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Richland* (360), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); CarlL (287), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF).

American Pipit

MC: 80, SantaFe, 26 Feb> (DMK); 23, *Edwards*, 8 Dec (RES); 8, ClintonL, 3 Dec (MEF). **Others:** CarlL-C (20), 27 Feb> (DMK); *Wayne* (13), 27 Feb> (CLH); Wauk (5), 5 Dec (JSS); Chi (Montrose), 2 Jan (BD:ph); Chi (Grant Pk) (3), 1 Dec (DFS); Elgin (Kane Co), 23 Feb> (PAM, EES); Chi (Calumet Pk), 24 Dec (RLS); Lacon (Marshall Co) (3), 5 Dec (MAM, JAS, PAM); KankakeePks (2), 19 Dec (JBH:ph); Brandon L&D (Will Co), 5 Feb (DFS); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 27 Feb> (GN); *Sangamon*, 11-12 Dec (HDB); CharlestonL (Coles), 6 Dec (CAT); *St. Clair*, 27 Feb> (TJD).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

Lake Forest (Lake Co) (in with flock of 30 CEDW), 1 Jan (JDW, AR); CBG, 9 & 15 Jan (FRM:ph, BJS:ph, et al:ph & AFS resp).

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 500, EForkL, 9 Dec (CLH); 330, Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co), 19 Dec (RC); 293, ClintonL, 7 Jan (MEF); 250, Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co) (50), 12 Dec (GSL); 218, Rckfd, 22 Dec (DTW); 150, CBG, 15 Jan (AFS); 134, WhalonL, 5 Dec (PAM); 130, SugarR FP (Winnebago Co), 8 Jan (EWW); 80, CarlL-C, 5 Dec (DMK); 46, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.). **Others:** Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (140), 20 Dec (ABA, JV); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (95), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); Palos (Cook Co) (73), 19 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); CBG (70), 29 Jan (KAM); RendL (65), 4 Dec (EWW); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co) (54), 19 Dec (JOS, CCC); COLSP (52), 2 Jan (EWW); Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (4), 24 Dec (JLh); *Carroll* (38), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Kankakee (30), 26 Dec (JBH); Wilmington (Will Co) (28), 10 Feb (JBH).

Bohemian Waxwing.
Chicago Botanic Garden. Cook County.
9 January 2011.
Photo by Lee Marin.

Lapland Longspur

MC: 801, *Knox*, 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); 700, Genoa Twp (DeKalb Co) & Riley Twp (McHenry Co), 5 Dec (KML); 550, Meredosia CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 17 Dec (fide TW); 500, Milks Grove Twp (Iroquois Co), 26 Feb (DBJ); 350, *Douglas*, 4 Dec (KAM); 350, Stavanger (La Salle Co), 22 Jan (DTW); 276, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS); 250, Granville (Putnam Co), 22 Jan (DTW); 200, *Fulton*, 16 Dec (LLH); 200, ClintonL, 10 Dec (MEF); 200, *sw Champaign*, 23 Dec (BGS); 125, UCCA, 22 Jan (KAM); 109, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 100, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM). **Others:** *SE Kendall* (465), 16 Jan (DFS); Seward (Winnebago Co) (200), 13 Jan (DTW); *LaSalle* (200), 22 Jan (BC); Monica (Peoria Co) (185), 11 Dec (EWW); *Vermilion* (157), 19 Dec (MPW); *Rock Island* (155), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); LShel-S (150), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Kankakee* (150), 7 Jan (JBH); *Madison* (150), 28 Dec (MSS); Wilton Twp (Will Co) (147), 26 Feb (DBJ); BraidwoodL (104), 5 Dec (JBH); *McDonough* (100), 1 Jan (LLH); Shucks Grove (Woodford Co) (75), 14 Jan (THr); *Brown* (75), 17 Dec (MML); *Boone* (60), 29 Jan (KAM); *Sangamon* (50), 13 Dec (HDB); Blount Twp (Vermilion Co) (42), 19 Dec (JOS, CCC); Geneseo (40), 11 Feb (SBH).

Smith's Longspur

AmnBot, 11 Feb (CDh, PDh).

[CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

Mason (w/Lapland Longspurs, Snow Buntings & Horned Lark flock), 27 Dec].

Snow Bunting

MC: 1,500, *sw Champaign*, 23 Dec (BGS); 1,000, Ashton Twp (Lee Co), 5 Feb (DBJ); 600, Hampshire Twp (Kane Co), 23 Dec (AR); 500, *McLean*, 19 Dec (MR); 300 (one flock), *LaSalle*, 16 Dec (REF); 250, Genoa Twp (DeKalb Co) & Riley Twp (McHenry Co), 5 Dec (KML); 200, Stavanger (La Salle Co), 22 Jan (DTW); 200, *Ogle & Stephenson*, 26 Jan (DTW); 175, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 55, *Kankakee*, 5 Feb (JBH); 47, *Jasper*, 10 Feb (CLH); 45, CraneL CBC (Cass, Fulton, Mason & Schuyler Cos), 18 Dec (TW, HDB); 30, Blue Mound Twp (McLean Co), 26 Dec (BW); 12, EForkL, 16 Dec (CLH). **Others:** Mona Twp (Ford Co) & Ashkum Twp (Iroquois Co) (200), 26 Feb (DBJ); Shannon (Ogle Co) (125), 26 Jan (JL); *Lee & Whiteside* (104), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (100), 14 Jan (DTW); Ward Grove (Jo Daviess Co) (100), 9 Feb (DTW); *Carroll* (92 & 88), 21 Dec & 12 Feb (KJM, SBH, m.ob. & DFS resp); *Kendall* (80), 22 Jan (JAS); Grand Ridge (LaSalle Co) (75), 4 Dec (BC); *Jo Daviess* (70), 5 Feb (CAT); *Rock Island* (60), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); Granville (Putnam Co) (50), 22 Jan (DTW); *Boone* (47), 18 Dec (DFS); Nachusa (32), 19 Dec (EWW); Chau (29), 10 Dec (RGB, SNB); WinthropH (28), 23 Dec (EWW); El Paso (Woodford) (25), 28 Dec (THr); *Boone* (20), 29 Jan (KAM); Spfld (12), 26 Dec (fide HDB); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (10), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Collison (Vermilion Co) (9), 19 Dec (SDB, JOS, CCC); MidSav (8), 5 Dec (MMC); LShel-S (6), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); MArb (5),

5 Dec (PAM); *Fulton* (5), 16 Dec (LLH); Monica (Peoria Co) (4), 11 Dec (EWW); *St. Clair* (3), 26 Dec (TJD); CarlL-C (2), 5-6 Feb (DMK:ph); *Knox*, 11 Dec (CAT, TLK). This species was also found in *Dewitt*, *Logan*, & *Menard* on 28 Dec (MHB). Much more numerous and widely distributed this winter.

Orange-crowned Warbler

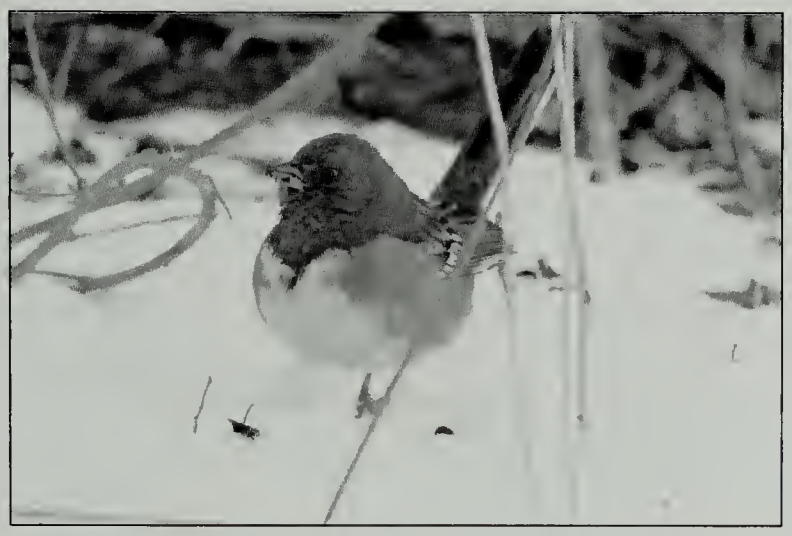
2, Spfld, 13 Dec – 19 Jan (ad @ feeder) & 4 Dec (imm) (HDB); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 19 Dec (KAM).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 75, *Johnson*, 20 Dec (MML); 9, LTFP, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB); 52, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS); 39, *Union*, 29 Dec (DFS); 31, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS); 7, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC); 7, Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 6, *Rock Island*, 22 Dec (KJM, LB); 5, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 19 Dec (CLH); 5, UCCA, 22 Jan (KAM). **Others:** Blackhawk Springs FP (Winnebago Co) (5), 22 Dec (JL); *Carroll* (4), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (4), 22 Jan (DFS); KArb (3), 8 Jan (DTW, EWW, m.ob.); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (3), 15 Jan (DFS); Marietta (Fulton Co), 18 Dec (LLH); Lost Nation (Ogle Co), 19 Dec (EWW); 1BSP, 30 Dec (EWW); KankakeePks, 10 Jan (JBH); Deerfield (Lake Co), 27 Jan (EWW); *Kankakee*, 6 Feb (JBH); BraidwoodL, 7 Feb (JBH).

Pine Warbler

MC: 3, Ark, 27 Dec (JAS, THy); 2, RendL, 4 Dec (EWW:ph, LS, DMn); 2, *Johnson*, 20 Dec (MML). **Others:** O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 11 Dec (KAM:ph); CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK:ph); *Union*, 29 Dec (DFS).



Spotted Towhee. Campton Forest Preserve. Kane County. 20 December 2010. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Common Yellowthroat

Pulaski, 28 Dec (JAS).

Spotted Towhee

Shirland (Winnebago Co), 12 Dec - 16 Feb (MHK:ph, DTW, m.ob.:ph); Campton Twp (Kane Co) (ad ♂), 19-20 Dec (BA:ph, MBn:ph); *Sangamon* (♂), 6 Jan (HDB).

Eastern Towhee

MC: 9, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS); 8, CarlL-C, 21 Feb (DMK); 7, *Johnson*, 20 Dec (MML); 7, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS); 5, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM); 3 (♂), Checkrow (Fulton Co), 18 Dec (LLH); 3, *Sangamon* (♂), 26 Dec-2 Jan & (2♀), 4 Jan (HDB). **Others:** *St. Clair* (3; 2♂, ♀), 19 Feb (TJD); SpringL (Tazewell Co) (2), 15 Jan (THr); *Madison* (2), 8 Feb (KAM); Kankakee (♀), 26 Dec (JBH).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 885, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 605, *Rock Island*, 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.); 560, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 260, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 187, ClintonL, 11 Feb (MEF); 30, *Perry*, 22 Jan (KAM); 25, CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (406), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Nachusa (348), 19 Dec (EWW); *Putnam* (280), 16 Dec (THr); QC (250), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (189), 5 Feb (DFS); SpringL (Tazewell Co) (175), 15 Jan (THr); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (170), 8 Dec (SF); *McLean* (149), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); Palos (Cook Co) (144), 19 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); *Brown* (125), 17 Dec (MML); BeverlyL FP (Cook Co) (120), 20 Dec (ABA, JV); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (118), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); BraidwoodL (84), 15 Jan (JBH); LShel-S (80), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Snow Buntings in tree. Boone County. 16 January 2011. Photo by Karen Lund.

Chipping Sparrow

MC: 30, TOT, 29 Dec (JAS, BJS); 4, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM:ph); Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co) (3), 30 Dec (RSR). **Others:** Mundelein (Lake Co), 23 Dec-28 Feb (SDB, SLD). Coming to yard feeders.; Campton Hills Pk (Kane Co), 2 Jan (SAC); Chi, 30 Jan (ES); U of I Arb, Urbana (Champaign Co), 12 Dec (GSL); Champaign (@ feeder), 12 Dec (CKA); *Morgan*, 17 Dec (MML); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 19 Dec (RES); Sam DaleL SWA (Wayne Co), 12 Feb (RES, CLH). Small flocks also detected on the HorseshoeL (Alexander Co) & Cypress Creek (Johnson/Pulaski/Union Co) CBCs in late Dec as well (fide RSR). This species continues to occur in increasing wintering numbers throughout Illinois and its status is rapidly becoming a regular wintering species statewide in small numbers.

Field Sparrow

MC: 48, *Union*, 29 Dec (DFS); 44, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS); 6, CarlL-C, 14 Dec & 26 Feb (DMK); 8 (3 locations), Spfld, between 26 Dec – 31 Jan (HDB); 4, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 2, Eggers Grove FP (Cook Co), 23 Dec-29 Jan (*WJM). **Others:** Wauk, 30 Jan (EWW); BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JBH).

Henslow's Sparrow.
Fox Ridge State Park. Coles County.
23 December 2010.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

Savannah Sparrow

MC: 33, *Sangamon*, 24 Dec but 20 there, 22 Jan (HDB. "Highest winter count ever".; 33, *Union*, 29 Dec (JAS, BJS & DFS); 30, *Johnson*, 22 Jan (KAM); 28, Willard (Alexander Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 3, BraidwoodL, 15 Jan (JBH). **Others:** *Brown* (15), 17 Dec (MML); *Pulaski* (16), 28 Dec (JAS); *Madison* (12), 28 Dec (MSS); CarlL-C (10), 23 & 29 Jan (DMK); Spfld (5), 26 Dec (fide HDB); RendL (5), 21 Jan (KAM:ph); PrRdg-J (4), 26 Jan (CLH); LCal (Eggers Wds FP) (2), 23 Dec-29 Jan (WJM); EvergreenL (Woodford Co) (2), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (2), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Chi (Grant Pk), 4 Feb (DFS); *Rock Island*, 30 Dec (*KJM, MB); Bushnell (McDonough Co), 21 Jan-16 Feb (LLH).

Henslow's Sparrow

Fox Ridge SP (RidgeL, Coles Co), 18-21 Dec (TDF:ph, RF:ph, RB:ph). Only the 2nd Illinois winter record for this species.

Le Conte's Sparrow

MC: 9, *Morgan*, 17 Dec (MML); 3, PRKWA, 17 Jan (TJD). **Others:** CraneL CBC (Cass, Fulton, Mason & Schuyler Cos), 18 Dec (TW, HDB); RendL, 5 Dec (EWW); PrRdg-J, 3 Jan (CLH); *Johnson*, 22 Jan (KAM); *Jasper*, 16 Feb (CLH, RES).

Vesper Sparrow

Kendall, 9 Dec (MAM); EvergreenL (Woodford Co), 18 Dec (MJW:ph, THr).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 8, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS); 7, *Union*, 29 Dec (JAS, BJS); 6, Lemont Quarries (Cook Co), 11 Dec (RLS); 5, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 4, Urbana (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, *Pulaski*, 22 Jan (KAM); 2, Peoria (Peoria Co), 30 Dec-31 Jan (MHB). **Others:** *Cook* (3), 5 Dec (SWS); Spfld (3), 26 Dec (fide HDB); *McLean* (2), 18 Dec (MJW, THr); *Richland* (2), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); CarlL-C (2), 9 Jan & 26 Feb (DMK).

Song Sparrow

MC: 335, *Union*, 29 Dec (DFS); 144, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 119, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 53, QC, 19 Dec (TM, CZ, DZ, m.ob.); 42, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 31, *Whiteside & Lee*, 27 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 28, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 17, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM); 16, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Johnson* (70), 20 Dec (MML); *Morgan* (45), 17 Dec (MML); *Massac* (40), 30 Dec (JAS); *McLean* (19), 18 Dec (MJW); *Putnam* (17), 16 Dec (DFS); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (16), 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (15), 21 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); *Rock Island* (15), 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co), 13 Dec (REF); Spfld, 22 Jan (HDB).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 191, *Union*, 29 Dec (DFS); 60, *Brown*, 17 Dec (MML); 50, *Johnson*, 20 Dec (MML); 45, *Morgan*, 17 Dec (MML); 30, *St. Clair*, 16 Dec (TJD); 19, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 17, ClintonL, 19 Dec (MEF); 15, *Rock Island & Whiteside*, 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); 10, RendL, 21 Jan (KAM).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: 216, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS); 200, UCCA, 22 Jan (KAM); 132, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 130, *Brown*, 17 Dec (MML); 75, *Pulaski*, 22 Jan (KAM); 62, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 48, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 23, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 20, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Pulaski* (108), 28 Dec (JAS); RendL-F (40), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (30), 29 Jan (DMK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (30), 7 Feb (KAM); *Richland* (16), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); Chi (Grant Pk) (10), 6 Dec (DFS); *Kankakee* (10), 26 Dec (JBH).

Harris's Sparrow

Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co) (1st yr), 13 Dec (REF); MRB, 22 Jan - 6 Feb (CDh, PDh); Hogans Bottoms (Union Co), 20 Dec (RSR).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 87, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 58, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 50, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS); 9, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 5 Feb (DFS). **Others:** *Johnson* (28), 20 Dec (MML); *Brown* (20), 17 Dec (MML); RendL-F (10), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Monroe* (10), 7 Jan (KAM); *Pulaski* (10), 22 Jan (KAM); *McDonough & Fulton* (6 [ad, 5 imm]), 21 Dec (LLH); LTFP (6), 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB); QC (5), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, KR).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 1,301, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 759, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 717, *Rock Island & Whiteside*, 22 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 446, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 399, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 200, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 120, CarlL-C, 9 Jan (DMK); 60, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Lee & Whiteside* (436), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); QC (353), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Jo Daviess* (196), 5 Feb (CAT); *Putnam* (184), 16 Dec (DFS); *Massac* (149), 30 Dec (JAS); *Pulaski* (137), 28 Dec (JAS); ClintonL (123), 7 Jan (MEF); *Richland* (108), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); *McLean* (84),

Vesper Sparrow.
Evergreen Lake. McLean County.
18 December 2010.
Photo by Matthew Winks.

White-throated Sparrow.
River Bend Forest Preserve.
Mahomet. Champaign County.
6 Feburary 2011.
Photo by Rob Kanter.

18 Dec (MJW, THr); Geneseo (66), 11 Feb (SBH); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (54), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); UCCA (50), 22 Jan (KAM).

Summer Tanager

Mundelein (Lake Co), 1-13 Dec (P&MJ, SDB:ph, SLD:ph, et al:ph). Bird first discovered coming to residential feeders & bird bath 23 Nov. Only the 2nd Illinois Dec/winter record.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 365, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 361, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 254, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 193, *Carroll & Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 111, MRB, 2 Feb (CDh, PDh); 88, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 56, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JAS); 40, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** *Rock Island* (183), 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (178), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); *Richland* (60), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (53), 5 Feb (DFS); *Union* (53), 29 Dec (DFS); *Putnam* (49), 16 Dec (DFS); *Jo Daviess* (42), 5 Feb (CAT); Arispie Twp (Bureau Co) (38), 16 Dec (DFS); Arends FP (Kane Co) (35), 12 Feb (JJD); *Woodford* (31), 11 Jan (MEF); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (28 @ one feeder), 7 Dec (JOS).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 60,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 12,000, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 5,000, *Grundy*, 23 Feb> (JBH); 4,076, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 3,890, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS); 858, Geneseo, 11 Feb (SBH); 450, *Iroquois*, 1 Jan (JBH). **Others:** Illini SP (LaSalle Co) (3,000), 27 Feb (GN); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (2,840), 5 Feb (DFS); LCal (Eggers Wds FP) (555), 16 Feb (WJM); *Rock Island* (300), 22 Feb (KJM); QC (300), 27 Feb> (KJM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (150), 5 Feb (KAM); *Lake* (42), 31 Dec (EWW).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 75, Alma Twp & PrRdg (Marion Co), 30 Dec (DFS); 74, Willard (Alexander Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 69, *Pulaski*, 28 Dec (JAS); 55, *Sangamon*, 6 Jan (HDB); 39, *Edwards*, 19 Jan (RES); 32, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (*KJM, *CDM, *WAM, m.ob.); 12, ClintonL, 10 Dec (MEF); 9, *Rock Island and Whiteside*, 22 Dec (*KJM, *EA, m.ob.). **Others:** *Massac* (51), 30 Dec (JAS); *Wayne* (34), 3 Jan (RES); *Monroe* (31), 12 Feb (CAT); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (25), 12 Feb (EWW); CarlL-C (20), 23 Jan & 26 Feb (DMK); *Perry* (17), 22 Jan (KAM); *Morgan* (15), 17 Dec (MML); Quincy (Adams Co) (10), 2 Jan (AGD); *s. McLean* (9), 10 Dec (AC, RGH); LShel-S (7), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Iroquois* (7), 1 Jan (JBH).

Western Meadowlark

Willard (Alexander Co) (2), 12 Feb (EWW); *Richland*, 4-27 Feb (CLH).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 600, *Will*, 27 Feb> (GN); 120, *Monroe*, 7 Jan (KAM); 60, CarlL-C, 21 Feb> (DMK); 5, *Grundy*, 23 Feb> (JBH); 4, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 21 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** *Richland* (40), 14 Feb> (CLH); *Johnson* (25), 20 Dec (MML); *Union* (20), 29 Dec (DFS); Spfld (12), 13 Feb (RLJ); KCP (12), 19 Dec (MJE, VB); Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co) (7), 19 Dec (MML); *Clay* (5), 28 Feb> (CLH); Champaign (@ feeder), 12 Dec (CKA).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 400, SantaFe, 27 Feb> (DMK); 200, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK). **Others:** *Perry* (20), 22 Jan (KAM); PRKWA (17), 19 Feb> (TJD); Minonk (Woodford Co) (4), 21 Feb> (THr); *Knox*, 14 Dec (TRE).

Common Grackle

MC: 40,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 9,000, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 30 Jan (TJD); 6,000, Illini SP (LaSalle Co), 27 Feb (GN); 5,000, *Grundy*, 23 Feb> (JBH); 2,000, BraidwoodL, 23 Feb> (JBH); 1,091, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.). **Others:** RendL-F (4,000), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); *Union* (2,300), 29 Dec (DFS); *White* (975), 8 Jan (CAT); Geneseo (500), 11 Feb> (SBH); *Massac* (361), 30 Dec (JAS); QC (200), 27 Feb> (KJM); *Rock Island* (100), 22 Feb> (KJM); *Carroll* (71), 21 Dec (CZ, KJM, SBH); Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co) (45), 12 Dec (GSL).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 1,700, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 15 Jan (DFS); 435, LCal, 7 Feb> (WJM); 400, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (250), 25 Feb> (JOS); 200, *Knox*, 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); 200, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 200, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 2 Feb (KAM); 200, *Grundy*, 23 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** *Pulaski* (220), 28 Dec (JAS); *LaSalle* (137), 19 Dec (THr); Spfld (123), 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (121; 73 ♂, 48♀), 19 Dec (EWW); QC (70), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Geneseo (40), 11 Feb> (SBH); *Richland* (38), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK).

Purple Finch

MC: 53, LTFP, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB); 45, Meredosia CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 17 Dec (fide TW); 26 (6♂, 20♀), *Lee*, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); 12, *Edwards*, 25 Dec (RES); 14, KCP, 19 Dec (MJE, VB); 12, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 12, *Sangamon*, 21 Jan (HDB); 6, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 8 Feb (TJD). **Others:** BraidwoodL (17 ♀), 2 Dec (JBH); Merwin Preserve (McLean Co) (10, 1♂), 22 Jan (LA); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co) (10), 19 Dec (EJC, HP); *Rock Island* (9), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); *Carroll* (8), 21 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); ClintonL (8), 21 Jan (MEF); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (6), 3 Dec (DH); CarlL (6), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); HennepinL (Putnam Co) (6), 24

Feb (DFS); *Union* (6), 29 Dec (DFS); *Brown* (5), 17 Dee (MML); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (5), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *St. Clair* (5), 27 Feb (TJD).

House Finch

MC: 86, Oak Park (Cook Co), 1 Feb (EDG); 80, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 72, KankakeePks, 19 Dec (JBH); 58 *Grundy*, 2 Jan (JAS); 45, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 11 Jan (KAM); 19, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.). **Others:** QC (53), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (50), 15 Jan (TB); *Carroll & Whiteside* (43), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); LCal (43), 26 Dec (WJM, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (32), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (30), 19 Dec (EWW); Geneseo (25), 10 Dec (SBH); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (24), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Warren* (14), 10 Dec (LLH); ClintonL (14), 11 Feb (MEF).

Red Crossbill

SRSF, thru winter (KBR).

White-winged Crossbill

Woodford, 9 Feb (MEF); ClintonL (5), 19 Dec (GSL, RK).

Common Redpoll

MC: 15, Afton FP (Dekalb Co), 23 Jan (UWG, REF et al.); 12, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 16 Jan (JLS); 10, Campton Hills Pk (Kane Co), 8 Feb (SAC); CBG (2 & 5 & 7), 21 & 24 Dec & 1 Jan (MMC & DBJ & WSG resp). **Others**: Zion (Lake Co), 31 Jan-10 Feb (EWW); Wauk (2; different locations/birds), 16 Jan & 26 Feb (PB & EG); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (2), 30 Jan (TB); Mayslake FP (DuPage Co), 10 Jan (CSg); Glenview (Cook Co), 5 Jan (JPL); Chi (Norwood Park), 26 Dec (CL, JWL); Chi (Montrose), 5 Feb (SBB); Bolingbrook (Will Co), 8 Dec (SF); Oswego (Kendall Co), 3 Jan (DFS); *Kankakee* (2), 26 Dec (DFS); SRSF, 29 Dec (KBR). One to three birds noted at several other Chicagoland area locations.

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MC: 100, Binnie Wds FP (Kane Co) (feeding on alder cones), 19 Dec (JJD); 80, ClintonL, 19 Dec (MEF); 75, CBG, 4 Jan (RCn); 65, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 19 Jan (ATB, SF); 54, MArb, 13 Feb (DFS); 44, LTFP, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB); 42, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 14 Jan (SAC); 40 & 20, StarvedRock, 11 Dec & 23 Jan (THr & ASh resp); 30, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 30 Jan (ML); 29, DeKalb (DeKalb Co), 24 Jan (RFl); 17, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 15 (at feeder), Mundelein (Lake Co), 23 Dee (TA); 15, Big Rock (Kane Co), 12 Dee (JH); 12, QC, 21-22 Feb (KJM); 4, ClintonL, 7 Jan (MEF). **Others:** *Lee* (6), 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); Geneseo (6), 11 Feb (SBH); *Sangamon* (6), 25 Jan (HDB); *Carroll* (5), 21 Dec (CZ, KJM, SBH); *Rock Island & Whiteside* (4), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Rckfd (4), 13 Jan-28 Feb (DTW); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (3), 19 Dec (EWW); *Kankakee* (2), 12 Dec (JBH); *Mercer* (2), 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC); *Coles*, 4 Dec (KAM).

American Goldfinch

MC: 145, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 120, CarlL-C, 21 Feb (DMK); 96, MRB, 1 Feb (CDh, PDh); 83, Zion (Lake Co), 18 Jan (EWW); 65, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 63, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 60, CBG, 22 Dec (FRM); 58, *Iroquois*, 1 Jan (JBH); 55, Westchester (Cook Co), 29 Dec (DFS); 43, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.). **Others:** QC (63), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Carroll & Whiteside* (60), 21 Dec (CZ, m.ob.); *Lee & Whiteside* (53), 27 Dec (CKn, TG, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Rock Island* (48), 22 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); RendL-F (30), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (25), 13 Feb (KAM).

Evening Grosbeak

Wilkinson-RenwickM FP (DeKalb Co), 18 Dec (JSr); LTFP (2), 2 Jan (*KJM, SBH, MB).

House Sparrow

MC: 558, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 515, *Rock Island*, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); 486, QC, 19 Dec (TM, CZ, DZ, m.ob.); 452, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 249, *Vermilion*, 19 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 225, *Kankakee*, 13 Dec (JBH); 200, CarlL-C, 29 Jan (DMK). **Others:** *Whiteside & Carroll* (363), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *Whiteside & Lee* (331), 27 Dee (SBH, TH, m.ob.); Geneseo (320), 11 Feb (SBH).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 670, *Mercer*, 29 Dec (CDM, JLM, JAR, m.ob.); 94, *Knox*, 14 Dec (DJM, m.ob.); 67, *Rock Island*, 30 Dec (KJM, MB, m.ob.); 32, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 12 Jan (LLH); 20, CarlL-C, 9 Jan (DMK:ph); 19, *Putnam*, 22 Jan (DTW). **Others:** *Adams* (25), 14 Jan (AGD); Sugar Grove NC (McLean Co) (20), 2 Jan (LA); Spfld (15), 26 Dec (fide HDB); Bureau Junction (Bureau Co) (2), 23 Jan (DTW).

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Greylag Goose

CarlL-C, 5-6 Feb (DMK:ph).

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